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High- 32°F
Overnight Low- 25°F
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History is made when Obama becomes president

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44 President of the United States of America on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Obama made history as he was sworn in, becoming the first African American President. His time of presidency also coincides with Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday and Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday – two men who were committed to Civil Rights.

The theme of Obama's Inauguration was taken from a line in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: "A New Birth of Freedom."

Using his full name, Barack Hussein Obama, he took the oath of office at 12:05 p.m. from Chief Justice John Roberts, whose nomination to the court he opposed as the junior Democratic senator from Illinois. An estimated

two million people were on the National Mall to watch the historic event.

Obama took his oath on the same Bible that Abraham Lincoln used at his first inauguration in 1861.

The new president thanked his predecessor, George W. Bush, and said he was "humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors."

Obama took notice that he was starting his presidency at a crucial time for Americans. "Our nation is at war, against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred," Obama said.

"Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and

prepare the nation for a new age. Homes have been lost, jobs shed, businesses shuttered. Our health care is too costly, our schools fail too many, and each day brings further evidence that the ways we use energy strengthen our adversaries and threaten our planet," Obama said.

While asserting that the United States remained "the most prosperous, powerful nation on Earth," the president warned that "everywhere we look, there is work to be done...Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin again the work of remaking America," Obama said.

The new president also talked about the civil rights movement that ultimately made his election possible. Because of that movement, he said, "a man whose father, less than 60 years ago,

might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take an oath.



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Newly sworn in President Obama spoke about the challenges that America has to prepare to face and vowed to remake America. He spoke to an estimated two million people. His inauguration was themed around Martin Luther King Jr. Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Over three hundred students graduate at 144 commencement

Three hundred forty one students received degrees at Mansfield University's 144 Commencement on Saturday, December 13 in Decker Gymnasium.

Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas, President Maravene Loeschke told them, "As exciting as it is to get this degree today, it is just another step in your educational journey. Whether you choose to pursue other courses or degrees, or whether you choose to self-educate, this milestone is the beginning, just the beginning of a lifelong learning journey. It has to be or success will escape you, and escape you quickly."

Robert Strohecker, vice president of the Mansfield University Council of Trustees and owner of Strohecker Vision Care, was the speaker.

Strohecker is the only graduate in Mansfield University history to receive his bachelor's degree after his doctorate. He entered the Pennsylvania College of Optometry after completing three years of undergraduate studies, receiving a bachelor's in Visual Sciences in May 1986 and then his Doctor of Optometry degree in May 1989. Strohecker later returned to Mansfield University to finish his bachelor's degree, graduating in 1991 with Magna Cum Laude honors.

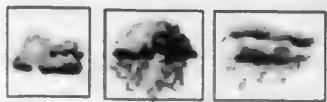
He offered the graduates this advice in finding their own success. "My faith is the basis of my value system," Strohecker said. "Honesty, empathy, excellence and charity are all character qualities that I aspire to. They have been instilled in me from my youth and have served me

well. With them you will never go wrong. Set high standards for yourself, and refuse to lower them. Put good mentors in your life. People that take you to new levels, that challenge you mentally, bring out the best in you and are truthful to you."

In conclusion, using a theme from the recent presidential campaign, Strohecker told the graduates, "Today my hope is for all of you. That you may experience that personal change you can believe in; the acceptance of self, the realization of your life's purpose, and a heart of thankfulness."



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Students recieved their diplomas on Dec. 13 from President Maravene Loeschke.

Weekly
Weather

TODAY

 Mostly
Cloudy

High: 32 Low: 25

FRIDAY

Cloudy

High: 38 Low: 18

SATURDAY

 Few Snow
Showers

High: 20 Low: 6

SUNDAY

 Partly
Cloudy

High: 18 Low: 11

MONDAY

 Snow
Showers

High: 22 Low: 17

TUESDAY

 Partly
Cloudy

High: 26 Low: 17

WEDNESDAY

 Snow
Showers

High: 26 Low: 14

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Campus Bulletin Board

Mansfield University

-Mansfield Winter Baseball Clinics starting Feb. 1 are designed to give players a jump start on upcoming seasons - 12 different sessions offered in Feb. and early March- Register online to guarantee your spot. The popular Hitting Clinics form the bulk of the Feb. offerings with 8 sessions, four each for ages 5-12 and 13-18. The Hitting Clinics are supervised by Mountaineer Head Coach Harry Hillson. All sessions are held in Decker Gymnasium featuring six artificial turfed batting cages. Cost of the three hours of instruction, cage hitting, drills and tee work is \$35 per player. Two sessions of Pitching and Catching Clinic will be held on Feb. 8 for ages 8-12 and 13-18. The three hours of advanced instruction includes live throwing from indoor mounds, drills, throwing competitions, radar gun station, videotape analysis of pitching delivery and demonstrations by Mansfield University Pitching Coach Chris Francis and the Mansfield University Pitching staff. Cost of three hours of instruction, throwing and videotaped analysis is \$35 per player. The Preseason Skills, Players & Coaches Little League and Junior League Day Clinic will be held on Feb. 15 and is specifically designed for player ages 6-12 and 13-14 and their coaches. Cost of the Preseason Skills Clinic is \$20 per player and \$5 per player and/or coach. Teams rates are available. You can find out more about the clinics as well as register on-line by visiting the Mansfield University baseball web site at www.GoMounties.com or calling Harry Hillson at (570) 662-4457.

-Kids Night Out is back for the new year. Come join the fun at Decker Gym, at Mansfield University. Boys and girls are welcome from ages 5-18. There will be family fun. Kids Night Out is on Saturday, Jan. 24 and Saturday Feb. 7 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. It is sponsored and supervised by Mansfield University's Mountain Baseball team. For more information call (570) 662-4457.

Police Beat

Jan. 3 - A University police officer on patrol in Maple Manor discovered that the door to room 223B Maple Manor had been damaged. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that the damage was the result of a burglary at that location. It was determined that an iPod Sounddock had been stolen from the room. The investigation continues. Individuals with information regarding this incident are encouraged to call the Mansfield University Police Department at 570-662-4900.

Jan. 14 - The individuals living at room 215B Maple Manor contacted the police in reference to a suspected burglary at their on-campus residence. The residents of that room stated that they noted an irregularity regarding the condition of the door to their room. Further investigation revealed that their room had been burglarized. A Texas Instruments TI-84 graphing calculator and a small amount of cash was taken from the room. Any individuals with information regarding this incident are encouraged to call the Mansfield University Police Department at 570-662-4900.

Jan. 15 - Maria Connelly, 19, Albert Mitchell, 19 and Anthony Rivers, 19 were referred to Residence Life for noise violation. Police received a request to respond to loud noise emitting from Maple B room 524. Police arrived on scene and found a moderate amount of noise coming from the room which was occupied by the above listed persons.

Entertainment Corner

Courtesy of billboard.com



Hot 100:

- 1.) Lady GaGa Featuring Colby O'Donis - Just Dance
- 2.) Beyonce - Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)
- 3.) Kanye West - Heartless
- 4.) T.I. Featuring Rihanna - Live Your Life
- 5.) Taylor Swift - Love Story



Courtesy of imdb.com

Top Movies:

- 1.) Paul Blart: Mall Cop - PG, Kevin James
- 2.) Gran Torino - R, Clint Eastwood
- 3.) My Bloody Valentine 3-D - R, Jensen Ackles
- 4.) Notorious - R, Jamal Woolard
- 5.) Hotel for Dogs - PG, Emma Roberts



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Top picture-(L-R) Troy Godinet, Hiwot Ketema, Lindsey Musser, Sandra Parker and Mozart Guerrier perform a choral reading on quotes and speech excerpts by Martin Luther King Jr. and others.

Bottom picture- Annie Cooper leads the Mansfield University Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in singing We Shall Overcome

Don't let winter woes freeze your fun

By KAY BARRETT

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

In case anyone has failed to notice, winter on campus this semester had been particularly wicked. The temperatures on our mountainside have ranged from low teens to negative teens, prompting winter advisories and wind chill warnings, but freezing temperatures and snow covered grounds shouldn't ruin your semester. There are some ways for you to brave the cold and make winter at Mansfield University bearable and even fun.

Proper footwear is a must for our campus! We all know that flip-flops are the easiest footwear to slip on in the morning, but those little pieces of plastic are not going to hold up in a foot of snow. Wearing inappropriate footwear during the winter can lead to frostbite, which is when extreme and prolonged exposure to the cold results in frozen body tissue. The frozen tissue can take on a gray or black appearance—not cute.

Replace flip-flops with a warm pair of insulated winter boots. Knee-high and mid-calf boots are fashionable and cozy. Try finding a pair that has a good, solid tread to keep you from falling on slippery snow or ice. Trendy, yet cheap snow boots can be found at the local Wal-Mart or K-Mart, for example; K-Mart.com has a pair of sleek back boots by Go Max for just \$30. Also, if you do choose to wear sneakers or tennis shoes, avoid those made out of canvas like Chucks, because water soaks through them more easily.

Another winter tip is to moisturize. Winter is not only the season of snow and sleet, but also the season of dry skin. According to WebMD, dry skin is common

during the winter because of low humidity, which causes what is known as the "winter itch." Being inside during the winter can make dry skin even worse, since heaters cause cold or wet skin to dry even more. Having dry skin can make skin on the face, hands and lips feel tight, flaky and itchy.

The best remedy for winter skin is to moisturize, but WebMD says to avoid greasy lotions such as Shea butter or homemade remedies like vegetable oil, since they will clog pores. For your face, try Eucerin's Aquaphor Healing Ointment Advanced Therapy. This ointment not only heals dry skin, but it also triples as a chapstick and a burn reliever. And another plus of the ointment? Eucerin retails for around \$6. Other suggestions for chapped lips are to use a chap stick that is SPF 15 or more. This will protect lips from winter glare and at the same time moisturize. For hands, try using Jergens Ultra Healing Lotion. It's non-greasy and can make skin soft and itch free, plus it retails at a mere \$6.50 a bottle.

One last tip is to have fun! Bundle up and get outside. Mansfield is surrounded by a plethora of winter destinations, like Ski Sawmill in Morris, PA. Not only is Ski Sawmill the perfect destination for skiing and snowboarding, but it is becoming known throughout the area for its new tube slide which features a seventy foot drop. For \$18, you can enjoy 4 hours of tube sliding craziness. Check out skisawmill.com for more information on prices, times and winter activities. If money is a little tight, try snow tubing on our very own campus. We have perfect hills and right now, plenty of snow, so stay warm, keep moisturized and have fun.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KMART.COM

Warm Boots are a Must!

Keep you feet toasty in a warm pair of boots. Trendy winter boots can be found in all price ranges. To the left is a pair of Go Max Faizas for just \$30 at K-Mart.

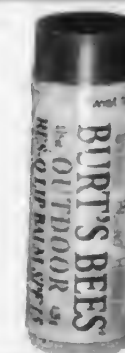


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Protect Those Lips!

In the winter your lips are especially vulnerable to chapping and cracking. Use a SPF 15 chapstick, like Burt's Bees Res-Q Lip Balm, to protect lips from winter glare and cold.



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Have Fun!

Arrange a ski or tubing trip with friends and check out local winter hot spots like Ski Sawmill or Denton Hill. Or make your own fun by buying a cheap sled or innertube at Wal-Mart and sliding through campus.

Seen a good movie lately?
Read a great book?

Why not write about
it?

E-MAIL YOUR MOVIE,
MUSIC AND BOOK
REVIEWS TO
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PLEASE
REMEMBER TO
INCLUDE YOUR NAME.

Recipe: Buffalo Chicken Dip

Looking for a fun dip to make to warm you up on the cold winter days? Or something to make with your friends to snack on during the Super Bowl? Try Buffalo Chicken Dip! It is fun and easy to make, and your taste buds won't be disappointed.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 (10 ounce) cans chunk chicken, drained
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup Ranch dressing
- 3/4 cup pepper sauce, such as Franks® Red Hot®
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

- 1 bunch celery, cleaned and cut into 4 inch pieces
- 1 (8 ounce) box chicken-flavored crackers

DIRECTIONS

Heat chicken and hot sauce in a skillet over medium heat, until heated through. Stir in cream cheese and ranch dressing. Cook, stirring until well blended and warm. Mix in half of the shredded cheese and transfer the mixture to a slow cooker. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top, cover and cook on low setting until hot and bubbly. Serve with celery sticks and crackers.

Recipe and directions courtesy of allrecipes.com



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Buffalo chicken dip is the perfect dip to serve during the Super Bowl.

Do you have a favorite recipe you want to share? We would like to hear about it! Send your recipe to flashlit@mansfield.edu.

Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Welcome Back

Hola Flashlight readers! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and that you are all settling in for the new semester, albeit a week early. To the (hopefully) graduating seniors, start savoring your final time here. To the not-quite-so-wide-eyed-anymore freshmen, now that you've hopefully found your niches, take full advantage of all of the opportunities afforded to you by this university. (You might even consider turning your beds into bunk beds to make room for more activities!)

Alright, enough of the niceties. The editorial column has received criticism in the past for being used as a platform for the editor-in-chief to showcase complaints. Sorry readers, but the whole point of an editorial is to voice an opinion and perhaps even to encourage you to respond with one (so be prepared for complaints from me and I'll be prepared for letters from you).

We're living through an exciting time during which history is being made. On Tuesday, Barack Obama was inaugurated as the first African American President of the United States. The security detail of the event included more troops than are currently serving in the entire nation of Afghanistan and cost more than \$150 million. Wow!

I know "Obamaugeration" is a huge deal, but isn't this price tag just a little



I hope your winter breaks were all fantastic! I spent the majority of mine trekking around Egypt, including spending a little time walking like an Egyptian at the Giza Pyramids. Study abroad! It's a great experience. It's worth it for the Facebook profile pictures alone!

The Flashlight



Voice your opinion!

Letters to the Editor are accepted and encouraged!

Letters can pertain to campus, local, national or global issues...whatever is on your mind!

Submit letters by noon on Mondays.

Send letters and questions via e-mail to

bit hefty? I was out of the country for a few weeks, but last time I checked our nation was currently experiencing an incredible recession.

Overall though, I'm hopeful for our new president to help our country start taking steps in the right direction. I know he isn't going to walk on water and cure world hunger, but I think that all in all he's going to be a pretty good guy.

Some other changes have also been occurring, on a smaller scale. In relation to this delightful publication, Nikki Hagan is now the sole sports editor and Rebecca Hazen is now the sole news editor. The features girls, Kay Barrett and Jill Kauffman, have remained the same, but we wouldn't have it any other way. Finally, in case you hadn't noticed, I am the new editor-in-chief.

We're always looking for new additions to the staff so stop by the *Flashlight* office or e-mail us at flashlit@mansfield.edu if you're interested. Please e-mail us any suggestions or ideas that you would like to see in the paper this semester. See you next week!

Fun Fact of the Week:

In Cleveland, Ohio, it is illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

-courtesy of funfunnyfacts.com

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ARIES**MARCH 21 - APRIL 19**

Once you start moving today, life should get much more interesting! Your great personal energy is driving you to greater heights of success, but only if you can keep your velocity pretty high.

TAURUS**APRIL 20 - MAY 20**

Your financial savvy is in high gear today, though you're almost certainly skeptical of high-stakes investments. There's nothing wrong with that -- stick with the tried and true and you can't go wrong.

GEMINI**MAY 21 - JUNE 21**

You are ready for something a bit more serious or deeper than you've been used to lately and it's easier than ever for you to get there. Maybe you need to ask your sweetie to sit down for a long talk.

CANCER**JUNE 22 - JULY 22**

Everyone else around you is dealing with their own business today, so why don't you do the same? You may need to take care of someone's minor problem, but a little selfishness won't hurt anyone.

LEO**JULY 23 - AUGUST 22**

No matter where you are along the spectrum of romance, you want to take it along a bit further today -- and it's easy to do so! Ask out someone new or take your sweetie on a surprise getaway.

VIRGO**AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22**

A weird situation in the office requires your bold action to resolve -- you almost certainly need to make it explicit or otherwise break through the tension. It's hard for a moment, then quite easy.

LIBRA**SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22**

You need to balance your current agenda against the projects and tasks you want to tackle in the near future -- and it's not that hard to accomplish. All it takes is a little forethought and you've got plenty of that!

SCORPIO**OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21**

You are all about the calculated risk today -- but you need to make sure that you're thinking it through clearly. It may be far too easy for you to just go along with someone else's plan.

SAGITTARIUS**NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21**

It's a good time to take stock and really ponder your good fortune -- whatever makes you happy is accentuated today. See if you can share the great feelings with those closest to you.

CAPRICORN**DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19**

Somehow, you need to let your unconscious mind do more of the work today -- maybe you should focus on something that totally occupies the front of your brain while the rest makes incredible progress!

AQUARIUS**JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18**

Even if you don't have a formal leadership role at work or with some other group, it's easy for you to get folks organized and working toward the same goals. Your quiet inspiration is perfect today!

PISCES**FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20**

Exercise what authority you have today in an effort to keep your people in line. It may be harder than usual, thanks to the independent energy that keeps popping up all around you.

The Book Nook: All the President's Men

By KAY BARRETT

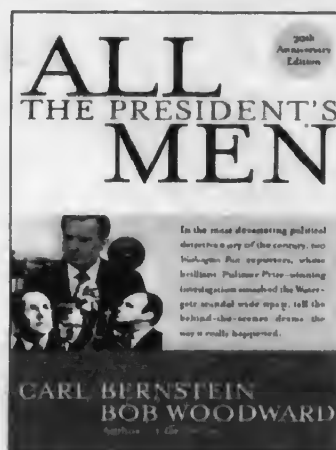
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

With the recent success of Ron Howard's film, *Frost-Nixon*, some Flashlight readers might find it enjoyable to read what happened before the showdown between David Frost and Richard Nixon. The best book to explain the fall of Nixon and his connection to Watergate is Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward's "All the President's Men," published in 1974.

In 1972, security guard Frank Wills at the Watergate Complex called police after he noticed that tape had been placed over some of the door locks in the building. The police arrested five men for breaking into the Democratic National Committee's (DNC) office.

This burglary might have not received

the media coverage it did, if it wasn't for two reporters from the *Washington Post*, Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward.



Together the pair of journalists began to dig for clues about what the five men (and two others later arrested) were doing in the Watergate building.

With the help of a secret informant called "Deep Throat," Woodward and Bernstein discovered that all seven men were directly or indirectly connected to the Committee to Re-Elect the President, called CREEP and that President Nixon

was at the head of the nation's biggest scandal. "All the President's Men" presents a perfect example of what journalism is supposed to be, a government watchdog for the people.

This day in history: January 22, 1973

In a historic decision, the U.S. Supreme Court rules in *Roe v. Wade* that women, as part of their constitutional right to privacy, can terminate a pregnancy during its first two trimesters. Only during the last trimester, when the fetus can survive outside the womb, would states be permitted to regulate abortion of a healthy pregnancy.

The controversial ruling, essentially reversing a century of anti-abortion legislation in the United States, was the result of a call by many American women for control over their own reproductive processes. Although defended by the Supreme Court on several occasions, the legalization of abortion became a divisive and intensely emotional public issue. The debate intensified during the 1980s, and both pro-choice and pro-life organizations strengthened their membership and political influence.

Republican presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush used their executive authority to legislate abortion clinic guidelines that restricted free practice of the procedure. However, in 1986, and again in 1989 and 1992, the Supreme Court narrowly reaffirmed the decision and in 1993 President Bill Clinton, a Democrat, overturned his predecessors' anti-abortion legislation within days of taking office. In the 1990s, opponents of abortion rights increasingly turned to violent methods in their campaign to make abortion illegal again.

In 2005 the retirement of Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who though conservative, had helped block efforts to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, led to fears that the historic legislation might be vulnerable to reversal.

---Courtesy of History.com

Men's Basketball Recap: The men's basketball team holds an 8-6 record after the wrap up of winter break. Highlights include Mansfield's defeat of an undefeated Slippery Rock on Dec. 16 as well as Tony Fannick earning his second PSAC East Freshman of the Week award for his efforts against UDC and Gannon University.

Penn College (home) – Dec. 4 – W (116-54)

-Donny Lyons: game high 18 points; Chris Pender: 17 points; Ryan Callahan: 16 points; Yuseff Carr: first double-double of the season with 12 points and a game high 10 rebounds; Dom Oliver: 12 points

-Game notes: Mansfield shot 45.5% in three-point shooting (15-33); 46 points came from the bench.

Seton Hill University (away) – Dec. 6 – W (74-59)

-Carr: scored a career high 32 points and had nine rebounds; Pender: 15 points; Tony Fannick: 11 points; Callahan: game high 12 rebounds; Chris Greene: career high 11 rebounds

Slippery Rock University (IUP Tournament) – Dec. 16 – W (78-65)

-Pender: recorded a double-double with a career high 22 points and 11 rebounds, had two blocks and one assist; Carr: 20 points, nine rebounds and three steals; Callahan: 12 points, a career best nine rebounds and four assists; Fannick: 10 points

-Game notes: Slippery Rock was previously undefeated. Mansfield held them to a season low 65 points. Mansfield went 25-30 at the free throw line and pulled down a total of 47 rebounds.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP Tournament) – Dec. 17 – L (75-68)

-Carr: double-double with game high 18 points and 10 rebounds; Fannick: 16 points; Callahan: 11 points

University of District Columbia (UDC) (away) – Dec. 20 – L (71-66)

-Pender: team high 21 points; Carr: 18 points and seven rebounds; Callahan: 10 points

-Game notes: Mansfield had trouble with three-point

shooting, only going 8-35 from behind the arc

Edinboro University (away) – Jan. 3 – L (86-77)

-Callahan: season high 27 points, four rebounds, and went 4-4 from the free throw line; Carr: 21 points, nine rebounds

-Game notes: Edinboro hit 7-8 free throws in the final 47 seconds of the game and out-shot Mansfield 59.3% to 41.2% in the second half. With this game, Edinboro extended their home winning streak to 29 games.

Lock Haven University (away) – Jan. 4 – W (82-64)

-Callahan: game high 21 points, six rebounds; Carr: 13 points, seven rebounds; Fannick: 13 points, seven rebounds; Pender: 11 points, seven rebounds

-Game notes: Mansfield shot 57% from the floor in the second half and achieved a 46-33 rebounding advantage.

UDC (home) – Jan. 7 – W (81-65)

-Fannick: 21 points, went 11-13 from the free throw line, recorded a team best eight rebounds and had 11 assists; Callahan: 20 points, five of which were three-pointers; Pender: 18 points; Carr: 13 points, six rebounds, four blocks

Clarion University (home) – Jan. 10 – W (97-86)

-Pender: career best 28 points, five rebounds, two steals; Greene: season best 16 points from the bench; Carr: 13 points, seven rebounds; Lyons: 10 points

Gannon University (home) – Jan. 11 – L (76-59)

-Fannick: first collegiate double-double with a game high 20 points, 10 rebounds, two assists and two blocks; Pender: 10 points

Shippensburg University (home) – Jan. 14 – W (76-63)

-Carr: 20 points, 16 rebounds, two blocks; Pender: 20 points, three assists; Greene: nine points; Fannick: 14 points, four rebounds, three assists

-Game notes: Mansfield shot only 24% from the floor



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore forward Yuseff Carr earned three double-doubles over winter break in his games against Penn College, IUP and Gannon University.

in the first half, executing poor shot decisions, but bettered themselves to 57.7% in the second.

Cheyney University (away) – Jan. 17 – L (72-65)

-Callahan: game high 22 points, four rebounds; Carr: 10 points, eight rebounds; Greene: 10 points

-Game notes: Mansfield committed 20 turnovers throughout the game.

Women's Basketball Recap: The women's basketball team holds a 4-11 record at the start of the spring semester. Highlights from winter break include the team's trip to Anchorage, Alaska as well as Alicia Espigh becoming the 13 player in Mansfield history to reach the 1000 point mark.

Point Park University (away) – Dec. 5 – L (61-51)

-Clarissa Correll: 15 points; Courtney Brooks: eight points; Mallory Moore: seven points, 12 rebounds

-Game notes: Mansfield shot only 27% from the floor and shot 22% in three-point attempts.

Houghton College (away) – Dec. 6 – W (77-61)

-Mallory Hafer: 15 points, seven rebounds; Moore: 14 points; Tegan Atallah: 12 points; Brooks: 10 points

-Game notes: Mansfield connected on 10-16 three-pointers.

University of Alaska-Anchorage (away) – Dec. 14 – L (80-45)

-Brooks: team high nine points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals; Correll: seven points, four rebounds, three assists; Alicia Espigh: seven points

-Game notes: Mansfield shot only 31% from the floor

University of Alaska-Anchorage (away) – Dec. 15 – L (83-43)

-Brooks: team high 11 points, four rebounds, two assists; Moore: eight points, six rebounds, two assists

-Game notes: Mansfield shot 21.8% from the floor.

University of District of Columbia (UDC) (away) – Dec. 20 – L (92-49)

-Nicole Pender: career high 14 points; Moore: six points, seven rebounds; Espigh: five points, two rebounds

-Game notes: Mansfield shot 24% from the floor and hit only 2-18 three-pointers (11.1%).

Edinboro University (away) – Jan. 3 – L (88-65)

-Correll: team high 13 points, three rebounds; Espigh: season high 12 points, hit 4-6 of her three-pointers, seven rebounds; Pender: seven points, two assists; Moore: four points and game high 12 rebounds

-Game notes: Mansfield committed a season high 29 turnovers, but shot 43.3% from the floor.

Lock Haven University (away) – Jan. 4 – W (73-65)

-Espigh: season high 25 points, making 6-10 of her three-pointers and going 7-7 from the foul line, in addition to seven rebounds, two steals and one assist; Moore: first collegiate double-double with a career-high 21 points and 12 rebounds; Pender: 13 points, four assists

-Game notes: Mansfield out-rebounded Lock Haven 39-34.

UDC (home) – Jan. 7 – L (73-54)

-Espigh: team high 14 points; Mallory Hafer: 12 points (all three-pointers); Moore: 11 points and a team best seven rebounds; Correll: 10 points, five assists, three steals

-Game notes: UDC out-shot Mansfield 54.5% to 34% and out-rebounded the team 40-24.

Clarion University (home) – Jan. 10 – L (71-59)

-Moore: 19 points, four rebounds; Rebecca Pollack: season best eight points

-Game notes: Clarion out-shot Mansfield 40% to 30% and out-rebounded the team 52-32.

Gannon University (home) – Jan. 11 – L (93-46)

-Pender: 10 points

-Game notes: Gannon out-shot Mansfield 53% to 32%, out-rebounded the team 44-28, made 52.3% of their three-point attempts and had five players in double digits.

Shippensburg University (home) – Jan. 14 – L (80-69)

-Pender: season high 18 points, three rebounds, four assists and three steals; Espigh: 16 points; Moore: eight points, 10 rebounds



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Mansfield guard, Alicia Espigh, became the 13 player in school history to reach 1,000 points after putting in 15 on Saturday night during her game against Cheyney University.

Cheyney University (away) – Jan. 17 – L (65-49)

-Espigh: 15 points; Moore: second double-double with 15 points, 13 rebounds and three steals; Pender: seven points, three rebounds and two assists

-Game notes: Alicia Espigh became Mansfield's 13 player in school history to reach 1,000 points in her collegiate career.

Indoor Track and Field Recap: Mike Gray broke the school record in the weight throw, was named PSAC Male Athlete of the Week for his wins at Cornell and Bucknell and rebroke his own record with a NCAA Division II Championship provisional qualifying throw in the shot put. Other athletes also found success over break, with Joe Stanek, Justen Johnson and Katie Foster qualifying for PSACs.

Kent State – Golden Flash Gala (Dec. 6)

Mike Gray

-Broke the school record in the men's weight throw with a PSAC qualifying throw of 52-05.00 (16 meters) during prelims on day one of the meet, surpassing Aaron Fiacconi's school record of 47-05.00 from 2003. He had a final throw of 52-04.00 (15.95m) on day two, earning him a sixth place win.

-Finished sixth in the men's shot put with a throw of 51-04.25 (15.65m) in the finals (threw 5.31m during prelims).

Joe Stanek

-Finished 34 overall in the men's 5000 meter run during prelims on day one of the meet with a PSAC qualifying time of 15:38.22. In the finals, he finished 21 with a time of 15:26.16.

Erica Ferguson

-Placed ninth in the women's long jump with a distance of 16-06.50 (5.53m) and placed 23 in the women's 400 meter dash with a time of 1:02.20

Brenae Edwards

-Placed fourth in the women's 3000 meter run with a time of 10:49.98

Josh Bucior

-Finished ninth in the men's 60 meter dash with a time of 7.20 and finished 21 in the men's 200 meter dash with a time of 23.33

Nathan McNabb

-Placed ninth in the men's one mile run with a time of 4:30.65

Justen Johnson

-Placed 13 in the men's long jump with a distance of 20-09.25 (6.33m)

Cornell University – Southern Tier Collegiate Open (Jan. 9)

Gray

-Set school men's shot put record, breaking his old one, with a NCAA Division II Championship provisional qualifying throw of 52-09.25 (16.08m), earning him first place.

-Finished third in the men's weight throw with a toss of 51-10.50 (15.81m)

Johnson

-Beat out Cornell's Chris Ryan by seven inches to win first place in the men's long jump with a PSAC qualifying distance of 21-09.50 (6.64m)

-Took third place with a 45-04.25 (13.82m) mark in the men's triple jump

Katie Foster

-Qualified for PSACs and earned second place with a 35-02.00 mark in the women's triple jump

Ryan Detweiler

-Earned third place with a 6-00.50 (1.84m) mark in the men's high jump

Anastacia Canfield

-Placed second in the women's high jump with a height of 4-09.00 (1.45m)

Ferguson

-Placed fifth in the women's long jump with a distance of 16-06.50 (5.04m)

Alicia Edkin

-Placed third in both the women's shot put with a distance of 29-02.00 (8.89m) and the women's weight throw with a distance of 32-09.75 (10.00m)

Tricia Dowling

-Placed fourth in the women's shot put with a distance of 24-00.25 (7.32m)

Bucknell University – Golden Relays (Jan. 10)

Bucior

-Set a school record in the men's 60 meter dash, placing sixth with a time of 7.18 to break Ricky Jones's 2007 record of 7.22

Gray

-Won the men's shot put with a toss of 52-03.25 (15.39 meters)

Women's 4x800 meter relay team (Irene Primmer, Edwards, Jessica Wagner and Sarah Vivona)

-Placed fourth in the relay with a time of 10:55.48

Women's 4x200 meter relay team (Jenelle Toter, Carly Klinger, McDaniel and Ferguson)

-Placed fourth in the relay with a time of 1:51.65

Brooke McDaniel

-Earned fifth place in the men's 500 meter dash with a time of 1:22.03

Men's 4x200 meter relay team (Bucior, Johnson, Buddy Winward and Gray)

-Placed fourth in the relay with a time of 1:38.61

Rochester New York – RIT Invitational (Jan. 17)

Gray

-Won the men's shot put with a throw of 52-03.25 (15.39m), beating his closest opponent, Timothy Wesley from Rochester Institute of Technology, by three feet

-Won the men's weight throw with a toss of 51-08.50, beating his closest opponent, Brent Titus of Erie Community College by five feet

Edwards

-Placed second in the women's mile run with



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Mike Gray set a Mansfield shot put record, breaking his old one from last season, with a NCAA Division II Championship provisional qualifying throw of 52-09.25.

a time of 5:24.23

Johnson

-Placed second in the men's triple jump with a distance of 43-10.75 (13.38m)

Bucior

-Placed third in the men's 55 meter dash with a time of 6.72 and placed fourth in the men's 200 meter dash with a time of 23.86

McDaniel

-Placed third in the women's 400 meter dash with a time of 62.17

Irene Primmer

-Placed fourth in the women's 1000 meter run with a time of 3:16.90

Mansfield boxing team looks to earn gold in 2009

By DANELLE MILLER

Flashlight Copy Editor

The Mansfield University boxing club competed in two amateur matches at the end of last semester.

The team first traveled to Elmira on Oct. 25. Five boxers were promised matches, but only four competed.

Andy Destra (147 lbs.) fought fellow Mountaineer Joe Kosalko, who boxed at 139. Destra, who is taller and heavier than Kosalko, defeated him. They competed for experience.

Jarrell Hill (145) competed against an Elmira boxer. "Jarrell defeated Elmira's best boxer," head coach Richard Gillespie said. Hill plans to drop weight for the season down to 132.

The final Mansfield competitor at Elmira was Mike Cobaugh at 185. Cobaugh lost, but Elmira has a tradition where the judges choose the best fight of the night. Cobaugh's match was chosen and the boxers were awarded trophies. "This was a huge encouragement for Mike," Gillespie said.

On Nov. 15 four Mansfield boxers traveled to Lancaster: Roi Ligon (132), Jordan Miller (147), Solomon Isom (175) and Cobaugh. Cobaugh was the only competitor to win his match.

"Mike did very well," Gillespie said. "He's come up tremendously. He's our most promising boxer."

According to Gillespie, Isom fought well and the match could have gone either way. "Roi and Jordan were overmatched by experience," Gillespie said.

Both Elmira and Lancaster were amateur clubs. Amateur clubs have different weight classes because they go by the Golden Gloves league rules. Mansfield is a part of the National Collegiate Boxing Association (NCBA), which has fewer weight classes than the Golden Gloves.

Coming up this semester, the boxing club will travel to Shippensburg on Jan. 31. Gillespie is intending to send Hill, Cobaugh, and Zach Perchinski (195). Perchinski is a novice who has been training with the team.

The team's upcoming schedule includes Army on Feb. 7, Lock Haven University on Feb. 14, a home match on Feb. 21 and Penn State University on Feb. 28.

During the home match, Gillespie hopes to host two sessions: one at 3 p.m. and the second at 7 p.m.

On March 6 the team will travel to the University of Maryland for their final match of the season. Regionals will take place from March 19 through the 21 in either Ocean City, MD or Atlantic City, NJ. The place has yet to be determined. Lastly, the Mountaineers will travel to Nationals April 2 through the 4 at the University of Maryland. This is the first time in three years that Nationals will be held somewhere other than Nevada.

Ligon, Hill, Isom and Smith, who may compete this season in either the 147 weight class or the 156 class, are a few boxers who Gillespie feels have the potential to advance to nationals this season. Both Ligon and Hill have been to Nationals before, Ligon earning a bronze last semester and Hill earning bronze

medals for the past two years. Anyone who wins at Nationals is designated an All-American status. Over the past two years, Mansfield has had five All-Americans.

Over the past 17 years of the program, Mansfield has not won gold. This year the team is determined to break that. Mansfield has been awarded two silvers and approximately five bronzes.

New additions to the team are Kenny Burt (175), Cobaugh, Perchinski, Dan Wenzler (Heavyweight) and Nathan Eilenfeldt, who joined this week.

The team has begun to practice in Hemlock Manor. According to Gillespie, they are improving their practice space, with more equipment. The team is limited in practice time though, since a coach needs to be present according to NCBA regulations. Currently the team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays with these practices followed by fitness workouts with assistant coach Allen Zellner.

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Swim team earns first two season wins at Wells/Pitt-Bradford tri-meet

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

The Mansfield University swim team started the new year with their first two wins of the season against Wells College and the University of Pitt-Bradford, after rounding out 2008 with a 154-40 loss to Millersville University.

Senior Tricia Learn, sophomore Megan Smickley and freshman Christine Gillies combined for a total of eight first place finishes in the 68-48 victory over Wells and 61-52 victory over Pitt-Bradford in a tri-meet on Saturday, Jan. 17.

"I am proud of the way we swam," head coach Ian Coffey said. "Having smaller teams compete against each other makes the playing field level, so the meet came down to who could get the most first places - and we did that."

Both Learn and Smickley placed first in three individual events. Learn achieved her victories in the 100 yard backstroke (1:06.31), 200 yard backstroke (2:20.72) and 200 yard Individual Medley (IM) (2:24.77), while Smickley placed first in the 1000 yard freestyle (12:28.27), 500 yard freestyle (6:01.02) and the 200 yard butterfly (2:34.24).

Gillies rounded out the first place finishes with wins in the 50 yard freestyle (27.82) and the 100 yard freestyle (1:02.74) in addition to placing second in the 200 yard

freestyle with a time of 2:16.08.

Outside of the individual races, the Mansfield relay team of Learn, Samantha Kutskel, Emily Arnold and Gillies placed first in the 200 yard medley relay (2:09.51).

"It was a total team effort," Coffey said. "Tricia and Christine were on the opening relay which set the tone for the meet and Megan did excellent. She had two personal bests and showed a lot of guts swimming in the longer events."

Kutskel finished second in both the 200 yard breaststroke (3:04.42) and the 100 yard breaststroke (1:24.81). Arnold followed close behind in the 100, finishing third with a time of 1:28.45, and also earning a third place finish the 100 yard butterfly (1:15.93). Chilensky finished sixth in both the 50 yard freestyle (38.84) and 100 yard freestyle (1:32.16).

The Mansfield swim team concluded their final home meet of the 2008-2009 season with a 154-40 loss to Millersville University on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Despite the loss, the team celebrated several individual victories in addition to their two seniors, Learn and Kutskel, in the post-meet senior day ceremonies.

"Both Tricia and Sam have done a great job this year in their leadership and their adjustment to me being a new

coach with a new system," Coffey said.

Learn earned first place finishes during the Millersville meet in the 400 yard IM (1:02.65) and the 100 yard backstroke. Her 100 yard backstroke time of 1:02.65 qualified her for PSACs, providing Learn with a second race to compete in during the PSAC Championships this Feb. She will compete in both the 100 yard backstroke and the 200 yard backstroke - an event she qualified for during the Bloomsburg meet on Oct. 25.

Learn explained that her PSAC qualifying time was a relief after a frustrating race at the previous IUP Invitational. During the invitational, Learn missed qualifying for PSACs in the 100 backstroke by one tenth of a second.

"I was thrilled with my 100 backstroke race," Learn said. "Compared to the IUP meet, it felt extremely easy. I had been sick for three days, before the Millersville meet, so I couldn't do all the yardage that I normally do. I am also excited about the time because it would have placed top 10 at PSACs last year."

In addition to the 100 yard backstroke, Learn was surprised about her success in the 400 yard IM.

"The high for me was when I came from half a length of the pool behind to win the 400 IM," Learn said. "I broke the five minute barrier that I have been trying to break for



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Megan Smickley earned three first place finishes in the 1000 yard freestyle, 500 freestyle and the 200 butterfly at the Wells College/Pitt-Bradford tri-meet.

the past two years."

Teammate Kutskel held her own on senior day, earning a fourth place finish in the 100 yard breaststroke. Her time of 1:23.62 was a personal record for the senior.

Gillies, a two-sport athlete who had just finished her first collegiate cross country season at the time of the meet, also contributed to Mansfield's points by earning a second place finish in the 100 yard freestyle (1:01.68) and a fourth place finish in the 200 yard freestyle (2:15.97).

"I can see her progress every day in practice and I can tell she's getting stronger in the arms," Learn said. "It's always hard to come off of cross country because your arms aren't used to the water yet."

Smickley, Chilensky and Arnold finished out the rest of the

individual races for Mansfield. Smickley collected two third place finishes in both the 1000 yard freestyle (12:32.04) and the 100 yard butterfly (1:10.26). Chilensky earned two fourth place finishes in the 50 yard freestyle (35.01) and the 100 yard breaststroke (1:23.62) and Arnold earned a fifth place finish in the 100 yard butterfly (1:16.68). Smickley's 1000 freestyle was a personal best for her.

"The team swam well and we swam our best," Learn said. "Considering we were outnumbered four-to-one, I was pleased with how we did. Millersville may not be the best team in the conference, but they're not an easy school to beat."

The team's next meet is at the California Vulcan Invitational from Friday Jan. 23 to Saturday Jan. 24.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
January 22	23 - Swimming at CAL Vulcan Invite, all day	24 - Women's basketball vs West Chester University, 1 p.m. - Men's basketball vs West Chester University, 3 p.m. - Swimming at CAL Vulcan Invite, all day	25	26	27	28 - Women's basketball vs East Stroudsburg University, 5:30 p.m. - Men's basketball vs East Stroudsburg University, 7:30 p.m.
29	30	31 - Women's basketball at Millersville University, 1:00 p.m. - Men's basketball at Millersville University, 3 p.m. - Swimming at East Stroudsburg University, 1 p.m.	1	2	3	4 - Women's basketball vs Bloomsburg University, 5:30 p.m. - Men's basketball at Millersville University, 3 p.m.

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Mostly Cloudy



High- 27°F
Overnight Low- 16°F
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Documentary of Martin Luther King Jr. shown to celebrate his life

By ANTHONY DARIO
Special to the Flashlight

An event to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life was recently held at Mansfield University.

Last Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. Joe Patterson, the creator of Kings Dream presented a short documentary of King and his life's path. The video was put on by students of Mansfield University.

The presentation was a tribute to why he is recognized and looked at in the eyes of everyone as a leader. This tribute was special because of the inauguration of President Obama. The awards that were granted to him were astonishing. He was a man of many words.

The event went over the phases of the time King spent. The documentary was an hour long with musical interruptions by singers. There were four songs that were sung by two people. Eric Stewart, is a sophomore at Mansfield University "The presentation was moving to see the stages that Martin Luther King went through," Stewart said. "Also, the songs were as symbolic speech for Martin Luther King's Dream", Stewart, said. The songs that were included in the show were "Calling Savior," "Amazing Grace," "Nothing Goes Unchanged," and "What's Going On".

In the documentary, leaders such as President Kennedy, Rosa Parks and Malcolm X all worked with Martin Luther King to stop the prejudice

that was going on in the world during that time. Martin Luther brought people together. African singers emerged with Martin Luther King. Aretha Franklin was known for her appreciation and great friendship with Martin Luther King. She also sang the national anthem at the presidential inauguration for Barack Obama. She is seen as a leader for the civil rights movement and she was certified that role when Obama selected her to sing the national anthem.

The remarkable speech in Washington D.C titled "I have a dream" was showed.



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Martin Luther King Jr. would have been eighty years old in 2009. His birthday was celebrated on Jan. 20 this year.

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Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble and X-Ray Big Band to perform Feb. 7

The Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Michael Galloway, will perform in concert with special guest artist Mike Noonan on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The program will also feature local favorite, the X-Ray Big Band.

This will mark the fifth time the X-Ray Big Band will take to the Steadman Theatre stage to open a concert for the Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble.

"Rick Doganiero's goal when he founded the group was to establish a big band at the community level for local musicians and also to provide an opportunity for high school students to play along with professionals," Galloway said. "As a result, the band has a mix of professional and amateur musicians of all ages and diverse backgrounds. They play a variety of big band charts, including swing tunes from the 40's to more current big band favorites. Their energy and enthusiasm always connects them to their audience and their performances are always well received."

In the second half of the concert, the Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble will be joined by Mike Noonan, a multi-instrumentalist performing on vibraphone, piano and trombone.

"In his appearance at Mansfield, Noonan will showcase his incredible versatility on the very first tune," Galloway said. "He will solo on vibes, piano and trombone in a driving chart from the Woody Herman library, Fried Buzzard. A gorgeous ballad by Benny Golson, "I Remember Clifford," will feature Mike on vibes. "Santo Sencillo" is a dynamite samba written by Bob Washut as a result of a commission from the Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble several years ago. It will give Mike a perfect chance to stretch out on piano. "Bag's Groove," a jazz standard by legendary jazz vibist Milt Jackson, will give him solo space on vibes and trombone. The concert will wrap up with a great Latin funk chart by Eric Richards entitled "View From the Villa", with Mike once again soloing on all

three instruments."

A native of Washington, D.C., Noonan became active as a performer and composer while studying at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he received his undergraduate degree, graduating magna cum laude in 1984. In 1992, Noonan received his graduate degree in jazz studies and composition from the University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton Texas, working under Neil Slater, a distinguished Mansfield alum who headed the Jazz Studies program at UNT at that time.

Since 1992, Noonan has been one of the most sought after freelancers in the Baltimore/Annapolis and Washington D.C. metropolitan area. He was a founding member of the Unified Jazz Ensemble (UJE) and continues to perform with and compose for that group regularly. Based in Annapolis, MD since 1996, the UJE was previously located in Iowa and Arkansas as the flagship ensemble for the highly successful "Rural Residency Arts Initiative" funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. As NEA-sponsored artists-in-residence, the members of the UJE served as faculty and visiting clinicians at over one hundred primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.

The group's international work included a 1993 tour to Japan and South Korea under a Department of Defense performance initiative. In the U.S., the UJE has played at numerous jazz festivals, performs in the schools, and has been featured on radio and television. They have shared the stage with jazz greats including Milt Jackson, Charlie Byrd and Bobby McFerrin. The UJE has made seven recordings, all featuring original compositions, and continues to produce music that is enjoyed in live performance and over the radio.

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Weekly
Weather

TODAY

Mostly
Cloudy

High: 27 Low: 16

FRIDAY

Few Snow
Showers

High: 28 Low: 12

SATURDAY

Partly
Cloudy

High: 23 Low: 18

SUNDAY

Partly
Cloudy

High: 33 Low: 22

MONDAY

Few Snow
Showers

High: 32 Low: 17

TUESDAY

Mostly
Cloudy

High: 29 Low: 18

WEDNESDAY

Few Snow
Showers

High: 27 Low: 11

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Mansfield University

-Mansfield Winter Baseball Clinics starting Feb. 1 are designed to give players a jump start on upcoming seasons - 12 different sessions offered in Feb. and early March- Register online to guarantee your spot. The popular Hitting Clinics form the bulk of the Feb. offerings with eight sessions, four each for ages 5-12 and 13-18. The Hitting Clinics are supervised by mountaineer head coach Harry Hillson. All sessions are held in Decker Gymnasium featuring six artificial turfed batting cages. The cost of the three hours of instruction, cage hitting, drills and tee work is \$35 per player. Two sessions of Pitching and Catching Clinic will be held on Feb. 8 for ages 8-12 and 13-18. The three hours of advanced instruction includes live throwing from indoor mounds, drills, throwing competitions, radar gun station, videotape analysis of pitching delivery and demonstrations by Mansfield University pitching coach Chris Francis and the Mansfield University Pitching staff. The cost of three hours of instruction, throwing and videotaped analysis is \$35 per player. The Preseason Skills, Players & Coaches Little League and Junior League Day Clinic will be held on Feb. 15 and is specifically designed for player ages 6-12 and 13-14 and their coaches. The cost of the Preseason Skills Clinic is \$20 per player and \$5 per player and/or coach. Teams rates are available. You can find out more about the clinics as well as register on-line by visiting the Mansfield University baseball web site at www.GoMounties.com or calling Harry Hillson at (570) 662-4457.

-Kids Night Out is back for the new year. Come join the fun at Decker Gym, at Mansfield University. Boys and girls are welcome from ages 5-18. There will be family rates. Kids Night Out is on Saturday Feb. 7 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. It is sponsored and supervised by Mansfield University's mountie baseball team. For more information call (570)-662-4457.

-Mansfield University will test its emergency action plan with a lockdown drill during the first week of February. The drill will include activation of the campus emergency notification plan, including the university carillon system allowing people who are outside to hear a broadcast message, and the securing of all university buildings. Test notifications will be sent by email to all students, faculty and staff on their campus email account and by text message to the cell phones of students, faculty and staff who have subscribed to the emergency notification system. There will also be an "Emergency Alert" message on the university web site homepage, a message on the campus emergency phone line, a message on the university in-house TV channel and a message will be sent to all computers logged on to the university system.

-Have you ever wondered where your student activities fees go or who decides how they are spent? The Committee on Finance (COF), a subcommittee of the Student Government Association, is your answer and they want your help. COF currently has one seat available for an at large position. Applications can be picked up from Barb Morgan's office on the 3m floor of Alumni. Please return them by Feb. 10 or e-mail them to brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu. COF meets every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in room 312 of Alumni.

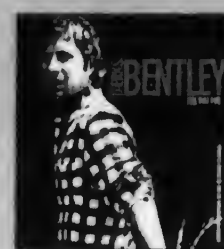
Police Beat

Dec. 11- An unknown person(s) removed a blue and white vacuum cleaner from the janitor's room in Elliott Hall. If you have any information regarding the theft of the vacuum cleaner please contact campus police at 662-4900.

Entertainment Corner

Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com

- 1.) Alan Jackson - Country Boy
- 2.) Brad Paisely Duet with Keith Urban - Start a Band
- 3.) Blake Shelton - She Wouldn't Be Gone
- 4.) Billy Currington - Don't
- 5.) Dierks Bentley - Feel that Fire

Courtesy of imdb.com

Top Movies:

- 1.) Paul Blart: Mall Cop - PG, Kevin James
- 2.) Underworld: Rise of the Lycans - R, Michael Sheen
- 3.) Gran Torino - R, Clint Eastwood
- 4.) Hotel for Dogs PG, Emma Roberts
- 5.) Slumdog Millionaire - R, Dev Patel



'MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'

The crowd, which was 100 or more, was enlightened as they heard part of the speech. "I really never had time to listen to the speech (before this event), it was amazing," Andrew Napoli, a freshman said. That speech had an impact on the whole crowd.

King followed Ghandi's methods of rebellion. The type of man that Martin Luther King Jr. was can be describe by the following quote by Joe Patterson: "A man who put all the positive back in the world."

'JAZZ ENSEMBLE'

With two big bands and the incredible talent of guest artist Mike Noonan, it is certain to be a great evening of fantastic jazz," Galloway said.

Concert tickets are \$10 for the public, \$5 for students and \$5 for senior citizens. Mansfield University students with ID will be admitted free. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://music.mansfield.edu> or by calling (570) 662-4710. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Mike Noonan's appearance is sponsored in part by Wellsboro Imaging, Inc. Enrico J. Doganiero, D.O. All proceeds go to support the jazz program at Mansfield University. The Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble is sponsored through Student Activity Fees.

Sometimes in violent relationships there are also problems with sexual abuse. There are different ways this could happen. The sexual assault could be forced and the victim is not even given a choice or the assault happens as a result of coercion. In other words, if the victim had a choice they would say 'no', but they are so afraid of the reaction from the abuser, that they would say 'yes'. If you, or someone you know, have been a victim of sexual assault in a relationship, there are people who understand and would like to help you. Please call HAVEN at 570-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447 24 hours a day for free and confidential services.

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Santa's Gift Bag 2008 Report

Gifts were provided for 193 children, ranging in age from newborn -18. These 193 children (27 more than last year) were from 84 families (15 more than 2007). All of the children are students at a Mansfield school (Mansfield High, Miller Elementary, New Covenant Academy), a member of an area day care center or a sibling of one of the above. Gifts were provided for 99 Females and 94 Males. The age breakdown of the gift recipients was: Ages: 0-4: 35 gift recipients, 5-9: 72 gift recipients, 10-13: 39 gift recipients and 14-18: 47 gift recipients. None of this would have been possible without our wonderful sponsors and generous community support! Our sponsors came from both the university and the community. Students, faculty, staff, community members and businesses were all sponsors. Below is a breakdown of those who helped sponsor a child, children, family or families this year.

Mansfield University Students: Residence Halls (Cedarcrest and Laurel) were able to sponsor 7 children. Two UNV 1100 classes sponsored children. 15 student organizations sponsored one or more children. 32 individual students sponsored a total of 45 children. (This almost quadrupled from 2007!) One sports team and one residence hall floor were sponsors. We estimate that a minimum of 600 MU students participated this year. Mansfield University Faculty and Staff: 33 individual faculty and staff helped with many taking 2 or more kids. Three Departments helped by sponsoring 16 children. We estimate that over 50 faculty and staff participated. (This is up from 40 last year.)

Community: The Mansfield Chapter of Kiwanis, Northwest Savings Bank and Wendy's each sponsored a family. In addition, the Mansfield Chapter of Kiwanis helped us by providing people and vehicles to transport gifts to the fire hall and Northwest Savings Bank held a toy drive. For the third year in a row, The Laurel Doll Club of Pennsylvania made a monetary donation and a donation of toys/dolls. We received several generous monetary donations from the following members of the community: Beiter's Home Center, First Baptist Church of Mansfield (Deacons' Benevolence Fund), Holy Child Catholic Church (Charity Fund) and McDonald's. We also received monetary donations from members of the Mansfield University Community including: North Hall Employees... Thanks to Jamey Harris for coordinating this! Jim Harrington, Roger Maisner and the MU Criminal Justice Club.

We did not need to buy any toys to supplement children this year because of very generous donations from: Steve Hilfiger, the MU Campus Bookstore and the Dollar General in Wellsboro who selected Santa's Gift Bag as its philanthropy this year and thus provided boxes and boxes of toys. Finally, MAEOP (Mansfield Association of Educational Office Professionals) not only sponsored children but had a gift wrap drive which yielded lots of bows, wrapping paper, tissue paper, tape, tags—everything our families needed to wrap their gifts.

A Special Thanks goes out to: -The Community Churches in Mansfield who make and fill a stocking for each child. Thanks to Carol Wooley for coordinating this effort! -Partners in Progress who purchase hats and mittens/gloves for each child. Thanks to Nicole Smith for coordinating this effort! -The Mansfield Volunteer Fire Association who allow us to use the fire hall for several days and whose members help sort, distribute and deliver gifts to some of the families. Special thanks to Arlene Welch! -Joe Maresco for all the work he did behind the scenes.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to Tessa Bieber, our amazing and wonderful student worker. Without her help, SGB would not have come together so smoothly or been so organized. We'll miss you! We want to thank every single person who helped whether big or small! We could not do it without each and every one of you!!! Thanks again for making Santa's Gift Bag 2008 such a success!

In gratitude,

Rev. Deborah Casey and Courtney Hull,

Winter Bluegrass Concert to be held in Wellsboro

Hickory Project and Stained Grass Window will perform at this year's Winter Bluegrass Concert on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 7-10 p.m. in the Wellsboro High School.

Hickory Project, which will play two sets—at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.-- has earned a reputation as one of the most dynamic and technically proficient bands on the bluegrass scene today.

The group is composed of Anthony Hannigan on mandolin and vocals. Hannigan is the 1999 National Mandolin Champion. He also plays banjo, guitar and fiddle and writes most of the band's original music.

Danny Shipe plays guitar and sings. He cofounded North Fork Alliance and Burnt Toast and has performed in festivals throughout the U.S and Europe. David Cavage plays banjo and sings. He's been a member of several groups including The Roots of Bluegrass, Appalachian Mountain Boys, and was a co-founder of the Blue Merles.

Steve Belcher provides the group's foundation with acoustic bass. He's one of the founding members of Hickory Project and helped create Burnt Toast and the Blue Merles. He's performed with Tony Rice, Peter Rowan, Vassar, Flying Burrito Brothers and Bill Keith.

Billy Gilmore plays guitar and sings. He's been a member of several groups including The Grass is Dead, Stonehouse, Crazy Fingers, Palms Bluegrass Band, Almost Acoustic Band and The Gilmore Family Band.

Coleman Smith sings, plays fiddle, guitar and mandolin.. The Texas native has a music degree from Marywood and has traveled throughout the world performing. One of the top cross over Violinists of all time, Smith is a member of several groups including, Doctor Horse Machine, The Money Notes, Lost Ramblers and many others.

Craig Vance, who plays guitar and sings, began as a solo act playing warm-up sets for such performers as Doc and Merle Watson, the Country Gentleman, and others. He has also performed with master guitarist Norman Blake, toured with Bill Keith and Frank Wakefield and plays on Bill Keith's "Beating Around the Bush." He's performed in such legendary venues as Carnegie Hall, Berkley Performing Arts Center, Lincoln Center as well as much of Europe. Vance is also a contributing columnist for Flatpicking Guitar.

Stained Grass Window will open the concert at 7 p.m. The group enters its 16th year as a performing group. It's composed of Mark Doncheski who plays banjo, mandolin, finger style guitar and bass. Bob Knorr plays bass and sings lead and harmony vocals. Rick Marcera, who sings and plays bass, guitar, mandolin, saxophone, drums and piano, joined the group in 1999. Ken Shafranko plays resophonic guitar and sings harmonies and lead, as well as the emcee work.

According to the group's web site biography: "Our purpose must be to provide entertainment, allowing the members of the audience to just sit back and relax to the music we make."

Tickets are \$9.50 for general admission and \$8.50 for senior citizens. Children under the age of 12 are free. Family rates are also available. Doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information on the series, visit canyoncountrybluegrass.com. The Canyon Country Concert Series is sponsored by the Canyon Country Concert Committee and the Wellsboro Department of Parks and Recreation.



Spotlight on Campus: Barb Morgan

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

Barb Morgan is the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Mansfield University.

Morgan first came to Mansfield in 1986 as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Activities.

Born and raised in the Germantown area of Philadelphia, Morgan feels that it was her destiny to someday live in Tioga County. Morgan and her husband Dick had both grew up in Philadelphia and raised their three children there. In 1968 the couple bought farmland in Farmington Township with plans to settle there during retirement.

In 1972, floods caused by Hurricane Agnes prodded the Corps of Engineers to bring into reality flood control plans that had been on the back burner since the 1950's. "Working in the construction industry, Dick had operated equipment prior to becoming a project superintendent, and after much soul-searching, we decided to sell our home in suburban Philadelphia, build a house on our property and Dick would return to operating equipment on the dams. We have never regretted that decision," Morgan said.

Before Morgan took the position at Mansfield, she and her husband settled into their new home and operated a trucking business together. Mr. Morgan worked on the dams until

they were completed. Once the dams were completed, Mr. Morgan took over the operation of the business, and Morgan got the opportunity to seek outside employment. She spent two years working for Tioga County and then took a position with a software development company.

Morgan and her husband are involved in triathlon competitions. They wanted to start competing in national and international competitions. In order to work towards this goal, they had to make some sacrifices in order to have more time. Mr. Morgan sold the trucking business, and Morgan took the position of Student Activities secretary. She had more opportunities to train while working at Mansfield University. "As a staff member I had access to Decker pool and also had the opportunity to train during the noon hour, which was absolutely essential. I even got to train with the MU track and cross country teams for few years and it was during this time that I set my 5K and 10K personal records," Morgan said.

Even though becoming involved in Student Affairs may not have been Morgan's original plan, she loves her job. "I find it totally exhilarating, the whole aura of student affairs, the minute-by-minute change that goes into each every work-day and the interaction with the students and an energized and motivated team of co-workers... Never did I dream that I would find my niche; there is not another position on this campus that I would rather have," Morgan said.

One of Morgan's greatest (and funniest no doubt) moments at Mansfield was during one Homecoming. Clarence Crisp (retired Director of Student Activities) had made arrangements with a student who was in the military to have his paratrooper team jump from a plane and bring the football to



PHOTO BY REBECCA HAZEN

Barb Morgan is the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. She loves to compete in triathlons.

the field during the game. Some confusion in communications brought them onto the field, on top of the band as they played their opening number.

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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
29 -12 p.m. -4 p.m. "Flip Books" - Jazzman's Cafe	30 -6 p.m. HUT Reopening Party sponsored by MAC - 8 live bands performing throughout the night -HARRY TRUMAN HS VISITATION	31 -1 p.m. Dan Klinczar and Kevin Kern, Junior Trumpet and Percussion Recital -3 p.m. Kayla Furman and Matt Owen, junior Bassoon/Piano Recital	Feb. 1 -3 p.m. Alissa Rose and Jennifer Peterson, Faculty/ Guest Voice/Piano Recital	2 -7:30 p.m. Robert Auler, Guest Piano Recital, "Keyed Up for Winter" -Last day to submit "Incomplete" grades	3 -11 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Marine Corps Officer Program representative will be in Lower Manser -11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Extreme Makeover: The Resume Edition Location: AHSC 312	4 -4 p.m. -5:30 p.m. What Can I Do in the Field of...Human Services? Location: AHSC 312
5 -9 p.m. -12 a.m. Late Night at KFC - Fantasy Casino	6	7 -1 p.m. Christina Paulin, Junior Voice Recital -3 p.m. Michael Hobbs and Kerri Grewe, Senior Clarinet and Voice Recital -8 p.m. Jazz Ensemble/ X-Ray Concert	8 -3 p.m. Max Grube and Robin Sustak, Junior Bassoon/French Horn Recital -5 p.m. Saxophone Studio Recital -7 p.m. Dr. Joe Murphy, Dr. Nancy Boston and Beth Palmer, Faculty Saxophone/ Piano Recital	9 -4 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Who Wants to Be a Grad Student: Info About Grad School Location: AHSC 312 -7:30 p.m. Dr. Benjamin Moritz, Faculty Piano Recital Last Day to complete "Credit-By-Exam"	10 -8 p.m. -12 a.m. Winter Festival at KFC - sponsored by MAC	11

American Spiritual Ensemble to Perform at Mansfield

As part of its celebration of Black History Month, Mansfield University will present the American Spiritual Ensemble in concert on Monday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The 26 members of the American Spiritual Ensemble are soloists in their own right. The vocalists have thrilled audiences around the world with their dynamic renditions of classic spirituals, jazz and Broadway numbers highlighting the black experience.

The American Spiritual Ensemble was founded by Everett McCorvey in 1995. Its members have sung in theaters and opera houses around the world, including the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, Houston Grand Opera, and abroad in Italy, Germany, Britain, Scotland, Spain and Japan.

The mission of the American Spiritual Ensemble is to keep the American Negro spiritual alive. The repertoire ranges from spirituals to classical to Broadway and dance. The American Spiritual Ensemble has presented diverse concerts throughout the U.S., Europe and South America and has toured Spain seven times, presenting over 80 concerts.

McCorvey is a native of Montgomery, AL. He received his degrees from the University of Alabama, including a Doctorate of Musical Arts. As a tenor soloist, McCorvey has performed in many places including the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Metropolitan Opera in New York, Aspen Music Festival in Colorado, Radio City Music Hall in New York and in England, Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, Poland and the Czech and Slovak Republics.

During summers, McCorvey is on the artist faculty of the American Institute of Musical Study (AIMS) in Graz, Austria. He holds an endowed alumni professorship in Voice and is professor of Voice and director of Opera at the University of Kentucky. For more information on the American Spiritual Ensemble, check online at americanspiritualensemble.com

Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and children, and can be purchased on-line at music.mansfield.edu, by calling (570)662-4710 or at the door. Mansfield University Students with ID will be admitted free. The concert is sponsored in part by Student Activity Fees.

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"There were no injuries, other than a few dented tubas, and though it was not funny at the time, we still have some really big belly-laughs over that one," Morgan said.

Morgan's greatest accomplishments are six podium finishes in International Triathlon Union World competition. In the future she wishes to complete the Hawaii Ironman in under 15 hours. Hawaii Ironman is regarded as the most honored and prestigious triathlon event to win worldwide. She also wants to complete RAAM (Race Across America) in less than nine days, which is a coast to coast bicycle race in a team that consists of four females over the age of 60. Last, but not least, she would like to complete her bachelors degree in psychology.

Morgan enjoys the campus community at Mansfield. "I truly believe that there is a solid sense of family within the campus community. Because we are a small university, we have a very cohesive relationship," Morgan said. "Students transferring from larger institutions are keenly aware of this — they are thrilled that professors call them by name, not only in the classroom but also when seeing them elsewhere on campus. This simply does not happen at larger universities. I am pleased that, by and large, we all work together regardless of our station here at the university, to give our students the most positive college experience possible."

News in a flash by Becca Hazen

Second live set of Octuplets born in Southern California

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

On Monday octuplets were born in stable condition and were all breathing on their own, doctors said. Two of the newborns were initially put on ventilators, but both of their breathing tubes have been removed.

"All babies seem to be stable," Dr. Karen Maples, chief of the department of obstetrics and gynecology told NBC's TODAY. "All of them are now breathing on their own and are no longer requiring ventilators."

The mother, who was not identified, gave birth to six boys and two girls weighing between 1.8 pounds and 3.5 pounds. Neither parents nor doctors expected an eighth baby. They had only been expecting seven.

"There are multiple spines and heads and shoulders, with movement of the babies during the ultrasounds," Maples told TODAY. "So, it's not unusual at some times, especially during these high order multiples, that you can miss another baby."

Dr. Harold Henry, chief of maternal and fetal medicine and one of 46 doctors, nurses and assistants who delivered the children by Caesarean section, agreed. "It is quite easy to miss a baby when you're anticipating seven."

The babies who have been currently nick-

named babies A through H will most likely remain in the hospital for another two months although the mother will be released next week.

The mother gave birth to the babies at 30 weeks. Even though the babies came into the world nine weeks early, they still had a great chance at survival. Even the smallest boy at one pound and eight ounces was no longer on his ventilator.

"The little one is feisty and is doing well right now," Dr. Mandhir Gupta, a neonatologist at Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center told TODAY, on Tuesday. "This baby was also on the ventilator in the beginning, but I was able to take the breathing tube out last night. So, baby is requiring some oxygen, but most of the breathing is done by the baby now."

The babies were born at the Bellflower Medical Center, southeast of Los Angeles. The most infants that have been delivered previously have been five, up until now.

The world's first live octuplets were born in March 1967 in Mexico City, but all died within 14 hours, according to Encyclopedia Britannica.



Obama does television interview with Al-Arabiya network

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

President Obama gave his first television interview as president to the Arabic Al-Arabiya cable TV network, saying that when it comes to Middle East matters the United States starts with listening.

Obama taped the interview on Monday. The interview reflected the new administration's efforts to reach out to Arab leaders in the region, who have been wary of U.S. efforts to broker peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Obama has relatives that are Muslim and has lived in Muslim countries. "My job to the Muslim world is to communicate that the Americans are not your enemy," Obama said.

He urged Muslims to judge him by his actions, including the decision to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center, where detainees in the U.S. war on terror are held. He said he also would begin to work on his pledge to start to remove the troops from Iraq.

Obama said that America would be willing to be peaceful with Iran if it "unclenched its fist."

"It is impossible for us to think only in terms of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and not think in terms

of what's happening with Syria or Iran or Lebanon or Afghanistan and Pakistan," Obama said.

On Iran, Obama said he believed it was important to use all the tools of U.S. power with Tehran, including diplomacy.

"Iran has acted in ways that's not conducive to peace and prosperity in the region: their threats against Israel; their pursuit of a nuclear weapon which could potentially set off an arms race in the region that would make everybody less safe; their support of terrorist organizations in the past — none of these things have been helpful," Obama said.

"It is important for us to be willing to talk to Iran, to express very clearly where our differences are, but (also) where there are potential avenues for progress," Obama said.

Obama said it was important to "get engaged right away" in the Mideast and had directed former Sen. George J. Mitchell, who is embarking on an eight-day trip to the area, to talk to "all the major parties involved." His administration would craft an approach after that.

"What I told him is start by listening, because all too often the United States starts by dictating," Obama said.



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Obama is making a head start on peace efforts in the Middle East.

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ARIES**March 21-April 19**

It's a good day to revisit your goals -- not to ratchet them down, but maybe to get even more ambitious than before! Your optimism and enthusiasm should be plenty to carry you ahead for a while.

CANCER**June 22-July 22**

Even though it might feel as if things are falling apart, most of today's change is positive. Address it with your brain and save your heart's responses for later. You can totally handle this.

LIBRA**September 23-October 22**

Dip into your reservoir of creative energy today and see if you can dream up something bright and bold and new. It might be an art project or maybe just a new way to handle your bills.

CAPRICORN**December 22-January 19**

Inspiration strikes again and you're enthused about your new vision for the future. It may be that you've got to act quickly, but you should still make sure that everything is prepared to your satisfaction.

TAURUS**April 20-May 20**

You need to set things straight with coworkers or friends today -- in fact, you might have to lay down the law! Folks are likely to act out in odd ways, but you've got to keep them from going too far.

LEO**July 23-August 22**

Talk things over with your mate or sweetie -- relationships can get tricky today. If you're single, it might not be a good night for a date, if only because expectations can get out of hand.

SCORPIO**October 23 - November 21**

A big surprise comes your way early today when someone you thought you knew well blows your mind with a big outburst. It's not a sign of impending doom -- just the need for more attention.

AQUARIUS**January 20-February 18**

Take a big step forward -- you know where you want to go and the path is clear. Nobody can question your ambition or your talent and you can make a lot of progress on your own right now.

GEMINI**May 21-June 21**

You could find that a new friend or acquaintance is much more influential than you would have expected. It may be restricted to a narrow subject, but you could turn all the way around on it!

VIRGO**August 23-September 22**

It's a time of big, new ideas and you're as open to them as you can possibly be. That doesn't mean you're a pushover, though -- you still ask the right questions when they occur to you.

SAGITTARIUS**November 22-December 21**

Whether you're looking for a date, a new friend or just someone interesting to talk with, it's a good day for you to say hello to strangers. Anything can happen and the time is right for action!

PISCES**February 19-March 20**

Your brainpower is amazingly strong right now and you should be able to explain things much more easily to those you know well. Strangers might not get it, but eventually even they can be shown the way.

The Movie Corner: "Paul Blart: Mall Cop"

By **JAMIE CURTIS**
Flashlight Copy Editor

"Paul Blart: Mall Cop" has taken the top spot at the box office for two weeks, surprising both moviemakers and critics.

"Paul Blart: Mall Cop" was released in theatres January 16 with an opening box office total of \$33.8 million during its opening weekend and \$21.5 million this past weekend.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Rory Bruer, president of worldwide distribution for Sony films stated that these figures pass expectations. "We had a lot of screenings as well as tracking that

was good on it. We were hopeful we could do in the range of \$25 million for four days and that would have been a terrific result

for us..." Bruer said. "It totally speaks to just how much audiences love Kevin James, No. 1, and how hard he worked to promote this film."

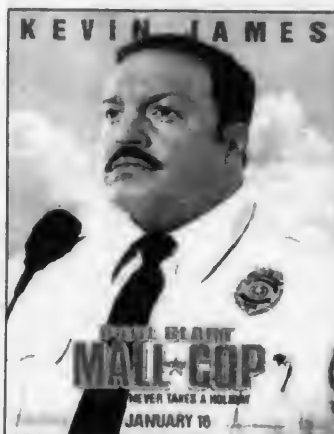


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With the success of "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," Kevin James has made a smooth transition from TV to film.

The movie's central character is mall security guard Paul Blart. Blart takes his job at the New Jersey shopping center seriously, even though he isn't even allowed to carry a gun.

At the mall, Santa's helpers decide to be naughty by taking Blart's loved ones hostage. He then has to save them. Kevin James, previously of the sitcom "The King of Queens," brings the laughter--and the pain--as the titular law enforcer. Despite the film's success at the box office, it received mixed reviews from critics.

This day in history: January 29, 1861

The territory of Kansas is admitted into the Union as the 34 state, or the 28 state if the secession of eight Southern states over the previous six weeks is taken into account. Kansas, deeply divided over the issue of slavery, was granted statehood as a free state in a gesture of support for Kansas' militant anti-slavery forces, which had been in armed conflict with pro-slavery groups since Kansas became a territory in 1854.

Trouble in territorial Kansas began with the signing of the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act by President Franklin Pierce. The act stipulated that settlers in the newly created territories of Nebraska and Kansas would decide by popular vote whether their territory would be free or slave. In early 1855, Kansas' first election proved a violent affair, as more than 5,000 so-called Border Ruffians invaded the territory from western Missouri and forced the election of a pro-slavery legislature. To prevent further bloodshed, Andrew H. Reeder, appointed territorial governor by President Pierce, reluctantly approved the election. A few months later, the Kansas Free State forces were formed, armed by supporters in the North and featuring the leadership of militant abolitionist John Brown.

During the next four years, raids, skirmishes and massacres continued in "Bleeding Kansas," as it became popularly known. The territory's admittance into the Union in Jan. 1861 only increased tension, but just three and a half months later the irrepressible differences in Kansas were swallowed up by the full-scale outbreak of the American Civil War. During the Civil War, Kansas suffered the highest rate of fatal casualties of any Union state, largely because of its great internal divisions over the issue of slavery.

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Michelle Obama does her best to be the first lady of fashion

By **KIMBERLEE BLOCKER**
Flashlight Fashion Writer

In the midst of the excitement of the inauguration of our 44 President Barack Obama, fashion experts everywhere were pondering what exactly first lady Michelle Obama would be wearing for the historic day and night.

For the swearing-in ceremony, the first lady chose a gold lace suit by Isabel Toledo and completely glowed that morning. It was a perfect choice for the ceremony because the gold was bright and cheerful, which fit for the events of the day. Her suit was reminiscent of the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, which is elegant, stylish and flattering to her shape. The first lady took a chance with the bold green accessories, but they worked well with the outfit. Her choice of color for the accessories shows exactly how fashionable she is. The color and suit choice is definitely one to be cautious because it will not work on everyone, but the first lady knows what works for her body.

The new first daughters Malia and Sasha looked just as stunning as their mother. Decked out in J.Crew, they could not have looked any better in bright, bold colors. Their clothing choices were appropriate for their ages and looked comfortable. Sasha's coat came in a soft peach that worked well with the vivid orange scarf and gloves. Malia, who wore a deep, bold blue, paired her coat with a more adult black scarf. Both girls had the same concept with the sashes clinching their waist that resembled their mother's. By choosing J.Crew, Michelle Obama once again displayed that you can look expensive without paying for expensive clothes.

With ten different balls for the inauguration, celebrities,



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Jill Biden was a "Lady in Red," while first lady Michelle Obama became the third first lady to wear white to the Inaugural Ball. Jacqueline Kennedy and Nancy Reagan both wore white gowns for their husbands' Inaugural Balls.

family, friends and voters young and old were patiently awaiting the next president and especially the first lady to present her much awaited dress. A one shoulder, floor length

white chiffon gown filled with ruffles and sparkles created by a young designer named Jason Wu. After much anticipation I must say that I was greatly disappointed in her choice. Michelle Obama is a tall woman with broad shoulders and shaped much like a well-toned athlete. I would have loved to have seen her in a form fitting dress that actually showed off her body and curves rather than hiding them. Also, for a woman who is all about experimenting with color I was also disappointed that she played it safe with plain white. The dress gave off a frumpy look. It was entirely too long and she had to continuously pull it up to prevent herself from stepping on it while dancing.

I would have also loved to see her do something different with her hair. Because it was evening and she was attending various balls, Michelle Obama should have had her hair pulled up and back to show off her face.

I would have loved to have seen her in the red Reem Acra dress Jill Biden wore for the night. Her skin glowed with the red and it fit her perfectly. The dress flowed effortlessly as she and Vice President Joe Biden danced that night. She was simply radiant! In my view Jill Biden wins the award for best dressed that night. Though Michelle can't win them all, I am confident that

she'll have more mind-blowing outfits in the future.

Department stores hit hard by economic downfall

By **CARLYN SPANGLER**
Special to the Flashlight

The holiday season has come to an end, and so has the holiday shopping. Department stores like Nordstrom hoped the holiday season would bring high sales revenue, but retail sales have continued to drop due to the economic recession.

The Commerce Department reported that retail sales have dropped 2.7 percent in December, which is more than double the 1.2 percent decline that Wall Street anticipated. This 2.7 drop in December, combined with the previous 2.1 percent drop in November, has made this past holiday sales season the worst since 1969. Analysts from the Commerce Department say they do not see sales increasing any time soon. They predict the current recession, which is already the largest in a quarter-century, will continue until the second half of this year.

Nordstrom is a department store that has felt the impact from the economy. "This economic recession has impacted our sales. We have lost many customers, and employees are barely making their sales goals and commission," Rick Turpin, Nordstrom sales associate said. Throughout the years, Nordstrom has prided itself on their customer service, and by doing so, they have created a no question return policy. This return policy allows customers to return merchandise, even if they have worn, washed or purchased it years ago.

"Over the past couple of months I have done more returns than sales," Courtney Turner, Nordstrom employee, said. "I work in the department of Active, and no one right now wants to buy swimsuits or workout gear. People are saving their money for necessities, and Nike pants and Juicy Couture swimsuits are not on their lists."

In 2007, Nordstrom sales fell 4.4 percent and for the first time, earnings per share fell more than five years to 92 cents per share. Wall Street is preparing for the worst. In January and February of 2008, the sales had declined at every major department store. Stores such as J.C. Penney, Macy's, Kohl's, Dillard's and Nordstrom are all feeling the backlash of the economic crisis.

In this crisis, Nordstrom is being looked upon as the economic barometer. The department store is an upscale retailer, and it shows if high income shoppers are cutting back. The customer demographic for Nordstrom includes executives and business owners. If buyers with high incomes and substantial assets are saving their money, this is a sign that the economy is indeed in trouble. When the upper-middle and upper-income adults continue to decrease their spending,

this is a sign that the economy recovery is not close.

Department stores are trying to hold onto their customers and remain positive in a time when people want to save their money. "Selling has been a great challenge. I have worked for the Nordstrom Company for more than four years, and this has been the hardest holiday year to sell," Turpin said. Even with the stress of the economy on shoppers' minds, Nordstrom managed to exceed their expectations for holiday sales. Sales have challenged the Nordstrom company, but they continue to readjust inventory levels and keep up with competitive markdowns.

The economic recession is on everyone's mind. Department stores know this, and their goal is to keep their customers happy and buying. Many stores are offering promotions and online specials.

Even with the holiday season over and done with, stores are looking to appease their customers and make this time easier, instead of worrying about the economic disadvantages.



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Stores like Nordstrom and J.C. Penney are being forced to slash prices drastically to bring in customers.

Blast from the Past: Movie remakes try to score new audiences

By NICK ABEL

Flashlight Features Writer

Movie remakes are nothing out of the ordinary these days. Every year an inspired director or ambitious studio attempts to update an older film. Unfortunately, most of these attempts fall short, leaving audiences and fans of the original movie disappointed.

The 2009 Hollywood year is following the remake trend, but with a specific twist. This year, most of the new versions are of films from the 1980s, a time when movies began to embed themselves into pop culture.

First in line is "Friday the 13th," the classic horror film starring the chainsaw-wielding killer called Jason. Now you may be asking yourself: which "Jason" movie are they remaking?

After all, there are nine sequels, each with their own spin to the terror at Camp Crystal Lake. But rest assured, the new version of the slasher series is based solely on the original 1980 horror flick. The goalie-masked psycho will be slicing and dicing his way back into theaters for a Feb. 13 release (yes, that would be Friday the 13th).

But the horror doesn't stop there. The suspense tale "The Wolfman" is also being remade, a freshened perspective of the 1941 Lon Chaney classic. The story remains mostly the same



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Zac Efron may have danced his way through high school, but can the Disney star rival the success of Kevin Bacon as the dancing rebel Ren McCormack in the "Footloose" remake?

here. A man returns to his native home of England only to be bitten by a werewolf, thus passing the curse onto him. What

sets this remake apart from the rest is the star-studded cast. With award-winners like Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins and epic film star Hugo Weaving, "Wolfman" should see a strong viewer turnout. The movie rears its hairy head on Nov. 6.

The near-future also offers its share of refashioned films. Capitalizing on the immense success of the "High School Musical" franchise, actor Zac Efron is set to star in "Footloose," the rock and dance sensation from 1984. Efron will portray Ren McCormack, a character made famous by Kevin Bacon in the original film. Few details are available, but many speculate that the newer movie will be set in current times.

Late 2010 brings an update of "The Karate Kid," the story of teenage struggle and perseverance. Jaden Smith, son of the infamous actor Will Smith, will play the lead role previously portrayed by Ralph Macchio.

The new film is said to have similar plot lines but an overall different approach than the original. Martial arts guru Jackie Chan is attached to take over as Mr. Miyagi, the timeless teacher made famous by Pat Morita.

Despite the endless doubt and skepticism that surrounds most remakes, perhaps the next acting generation can breathe new and enjoyable life into the original films.

A bloody box office opening

By JENELLE BEAVER

Flashlight Copy Editor

Valentine's Day came early for some fans of the horror movie genre. "My Bloody Valentine 3-D" opened in 2-D and 3-D theaters across the country on Jan. 16, and was third at the box office on its opening weekend.

The movie is a remake of the 1981 horror flick about a rash of killings that took place around Valentine's Day. The new version stars Jensen Ackles (Supernatural), Jamie King ("Sin City") and Kerr Smith (Dawson's Creek).

In "My Bloody Valentine 3-D," Tom (Ackles) returns to the mining town of

Harmony after leaving without a trace 10 years earlier, after a gruesome Valentine's Day massacre. 10 years ago, Tom was the cause of an accidental explosion in the coal mine his family owned. There was only one survivor, a crazed man named Harry Warden.

The explosion puts Warden in a coma, but after he awakes in the hospital, he kills as many people as he can, including friends of Tom's at a Valentine's Day party. The survivors of that attack are Tom, his girlfriend Sarah (King), Axel (Smith) and Axel's girlfriend Irene (Betsy Rue). After the attack, Tom

takes off and no one hears from him until he returns a decade later.

With his return also comes the return of the killings, which some blame on the mysterious Harry Warden and others blame on Tom. The local media begins to make a big deal out of the anniversary of the original slayings, and this angers the sheriff, who now happens to be Axel. He is no longer with Irene, as he is now married to Sarah.

Having Tom back in town stirs up some old feelings between Tom and Sarah, and Axel is convinced that Tom is the one behind the new rash

of killings. Sarah is the only one who thinks Tom is innocent, but even she can't be sure.

So who is the who is behind the killings in Harmony? Is it Tom? Or is Axel somehow the one behind the new Valentine's killings? Find out the answer by checking "My Bloody Valentine 3-D." The 3-D effects add a whole new element to the movie. There's nothing better than having someone's jaw coming out of the screen at you. If gore is your thing, then this is the movie for you.



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In the 3-D release, Jamie King tries to convince Jensen Ackles not to sell his father's coal mine, where a decade earlier a Valentine's Day massacre took place.

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Brad Pitt transforms from old baby to young man in "Button"

By NICK ABEL

Flashlight Features Writer

Time is always working against us, making people older with each passing minute, but what if those minutes worked in your favor? What if you aged in reverse?

That is the story for Brad Pitt in the film "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." Based on a short story from F. Scott Fitzgerald, "Button" revolves around the peculiar life of a young boy who ages backward.

Born as an elderly man, Button was feared and discarded by his family. As he states during his narration, "I was born under unusual circumstances." The boy is eventually taken in by a woman named Queenie, who is unable to bear any children of her own.

The story follows Button as he grows younger. As everyone around him begins to fade into old age, Button becomes healthier and energetic. Growing up in prohibition-era New Orleans, he catches glimpses and teases of the outside world. As he becomes more youthful, his desire to see that world overtakes him, and he soon departs. As he embarks on his journeys, Button constantly recalls the love of his younger days, a girl named Daisy, who was his only childhood friend.



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"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" as garnered Brad Pitt an Oscar nomination for Best Actor, but he almost turned down the film because of the amount of prosthetics involved.

The story leads Button into the second World War, through the winter of Russia and across the emerging beauty of Europe. However, he is ultimately drawn back to Daisy,

where the two fall in love and begin a life together. Daisy is portrayed by the eloquent Cate Blanchett

The movie itself is built upon epic proportions, with every emotion and detail having a purpose in the plot. The love affair between Button and Daisy is fruitful and romantic at first, but soon becomes painful and melancholy. They realize that they are truly moving in opposite directions, and soon, Button will become little more than a child himself.

What drives the film into a higher standard is the superb acting performances. Pitt is keen and aware in his role, convincing the audience of his strange condition. Blanchett is also powerful here, revealing that there is more to Daisy than simple beauty and youthful lust.

The role of Queenie is played by Taraji P. Henson. The early moments in the movie are driven by her character, a stern yet embracing nurturer.

The movie has garnered numerous award nominations, including 13 Oscar nods. With those 13 are nominations for Pitt, Henson, director David Fincher and the coveted Best Picture. Adaptations are usually rewarded by the Academy, and expectations are high for "Button" to continue that tradition.

Environmental Facts of the Week

1. Reduce your carbon footprint! Use public transportation, carpool, walk or bike whenever possible to avoid using your car.
2. Fix that leak! Leaky faucets can waste thousands of gallons of water each year.
3. eCycle - take your old computers or other electronics to a local recycling center. This helps keep lead, cadmium, and other substances out of the landfill.
4. Be creative about reducing waste. Give pet hamsters or gerbils paper towel and toilet paper cardboard tubes with which to play. Use an egg carton to plant seedlings.
5. Buy or switch to energy efficient lighting fixtures and bulbs. Look for the Energy Star label.

The above tips were taken directly from the Environmental Protection Agency. For more tips, visit their website:
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Sterling's debut shines like silver

By MONTE ALEXANDER

Flashlight Writer

Singer/songwriter Sterling Simms debut album "Yours, Mine & The Truth" leaves listeners optimistic about his future.

The Philadelphia native was first introduced to the world on Jay Z's 2006 album "Kingdom Come" on the track "Dig A Hole." After two underperforming singles, Simms went back to the drawing board.

The album's lead single "All I Need" features The Dream and rapper Jadakiss and has the ingredients to become an R&B hit. However, with no music video and no support from his record label, Def Jam, the 26-year-old artist finds himself with a solid debut album in record stores that few are aware of.

"Yours, Mine & The Truth" features production credits from R&B hit makers such as Christopher "Tricky" Stewart (Beyoncé's "Single Ladies," Rihanna's "Umbrella"), Adonis Shroshire (Usher & Alicia Keys' "My Boo") and Teddy Bishop (Letoya Luckett's "Torn").

Album highlights include "Doin' Dat Dere" produced by Soundz (Usher's "Love In The Club Pt. II"), the racy "Sex In The City" and "Bad Dream", both produced by Warren "Oak" Felder. The latter sounds like a track lifted from fellow R&B crooner Usher's breakthrough sophomore album "My Way."

While the album had its highlights, there are two pivotal pitfalls: lack of individuality and a standout hit. The lack of individuality allows for easy comparisons to the other male artists in the genre. The



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Sterling Simms' talent shines on his debut album, despite little support from his Def Jam label.

same "status quo" of enticing potential lovers and reconciliation after infidelity is found. The only thing that may set Simms apart from his contemporaries is his exceptional vocal ability.

Overall, "Yours, Mine & The Truth" gives listeners a glance at Simms and displays what he brings to R&B music. And while the album has not made the immediate impact artist dream of, Simms can be content knowing we (well, at least some of us) are anticipating future releases. Now that you know of his music, maybe you are too. If we're lucky, Simms' day will come when he is a household name for his vocal performance and not his ability to complete an eight count dance combination.



Who's Going to Win Little Golden Ma

The nominations are in and some big names are up for a 2009 Academy Award. "Benjamin Button" and "Slumdog Millionaire" both recieved the most nomination nominations and "Slumdog" with 10 nominations. The two films are in a show. The late Heath Ledger is nominated for Best Supporting Actor for "The Dark K critics believe that the box office sensation was snubbed, since the supporting a only major award the film was nominated for; other catergories it was nominate Direction, Best Cinematography, Best Sound Mixing & Editing, Best Film Editi Best Visual Effects.

Best Actress nominations have been creating a buzz as well. Angelina Jolie Oscar for her leading role in "Changeling," while Meryl Streep is up for her fifteen Winslet is coming off of a double Golden Globe win for both "The Reader" and " but can the "Titanic" winner beat out both Streep and Jolie for the award? Or v portrayal of a recovering drug adddict in "Rachel Getting Married" be enough to first Oscar? A relative unknown to most people is Melissa Leo nominated for Be in "Frozen River," the story about two single mothers who get involved in border support their families. Viewers should keep an eye on Leo, who might just prove in this Academy Awards race.

Flashlight Staff picks for Best



"I think 'Slumdog Millionaire' is going to win for Best Picture. It won Best Picture at both the Golden Globes and the Critics Choice Awards."

---- Kay Barrett
Flashlight Features Co-Editor



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"I think 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button' because dramatically and cinematically it did a great job."

---- Nikki Hagan
Flashlight Sports Editor



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And the nominees are.....

Best Picture

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
Frost/Nixon
Slumdog Millionaire
Milk
The Reader

Best Directing

The Reader
Frost/Nixon
Milk
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
Slumdog Millionaire

Best Actor in a Leading Role

Richard Jenkins for *The Visitor*
 Frank Langella for *Frost/Nixon*
 Sean Penn for *Milk*
 Brad Pitt for *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
 Mickey Rourke for *The Wrestler*

Best Actress in a Leading Role

Anne Hathaway for *Rachel Getting Married*
 Angelina Jolie for *Changeling*
 Melissa Leo for *Frozen River*
 Meryl Streep for *Doubt*
 Kate Winslet *The Reader*

Best Picture winner at the 2009 Academy Awards

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 e Reader.”

Jill Kauffman
 Flashlight Features Co-Editor



“I am going to guess ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ because I have been reading a lot of the reviews and it seems like a good movie.”

---- Jenelle Beaver
 Flashlight Copy Editor



“I think ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ is going to win for Best Picture because of all the hype it has been getting.”

---- Kimberlee Blocker
 Flashlight Copy Editor

am picking ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ because I know that it won at Golden Globes and if it wins place it might win in another tion.”

Rebecca Hazen
 Flashlight News Editor



“‘Milk.’ I haven’t seen any of the movies, but I really enjoy drinking milk.”

---- Beka Brown
 Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

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 an Oscar; the 81st Annual
 Academy Awards air live
 on ABC on
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Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Take a look, in a book



This is our spring 2009 staff family photo. From the top right you can see Features Co-Editor Jill Kauffman, myself (unfortunately, I can't keep my eyes open in a picture) and Features Co-Editor Kay Barrett. From the bottom right, Sports Editor Nikki Hagan (who can't wait to put this picture on her fridge) and News Editor Rebecca Hazen are flashing big grins.

What do YOU think? Voice your opinion!

Tell us your thoughts on *The Flashlight*. What would you like to see?

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This week I've heard several complaints from both students and faculty that I would like to address. They all relate to one of those, "can't live with them, can't live without them" items: books.

"But I'm a poor college student!" This plea has been used by students around this campus and probably around the world for as long as there have been institutions of higher learning. Tuition, housing, technology fees, activities fees, meals, supplies—where do the costs end?

It seems like I make more trips to ATM's than I make to academic buildings each semester (and this girl doesn't skip class very often). I understand that my education will be worth the price in the end (assuming that someone will hire me in this turbulent economy), but there is one bill that really drives me (and my wallet) crazy. I absolutely hate buying books.

Remember the high school days when you were handed a book for each class and you actually used it? The book was your responsibility and if you damaged or lost it, then you had to pay for it. College is exactly the opposite. In college, first we pay for the books. We might use them and we might not ever take them out of their plastic wrap. We can write, highlight and doodle in them as much as we want. The problem is that even if we take immaculate care of our texts, we only get a small percentage of the price we paid back at the end of the semester (if we get anything).

The average cost that the *Flashlight* staff members spent on books for this semester alone was almost \$350. It will be interesting to check in with the same staffers at the end of the semester and find out how many of these books went unused. Nothing is more irritating than buying books for class and never opening them.

How many times have you taken a class and had the professor tell you that they've never used the text book before. Basically, you're spending money to be a guinea pig and hoping that the text gets used the next semester so you can get a fraction of your costs back.

Many students also complain that the Campus Bookstore is too expensive. If they checked their facts though, they would realize that text book sales do not yield any profit for the bookstore. Prices are marked up enough to cover shipping, but no more. Something else to keep in mind is when it comes time to return used or unused books, the bookstore also offers more money than "the van." The point here is that books are an annoyance for everyone involved with them.

What do you, the readers, think? E-mail me at flashlit@mnsfld.edu to let me know or share something else that bothers you, excites you or that you would just like to hear about in next week's issue.

Fun Fact of the Week

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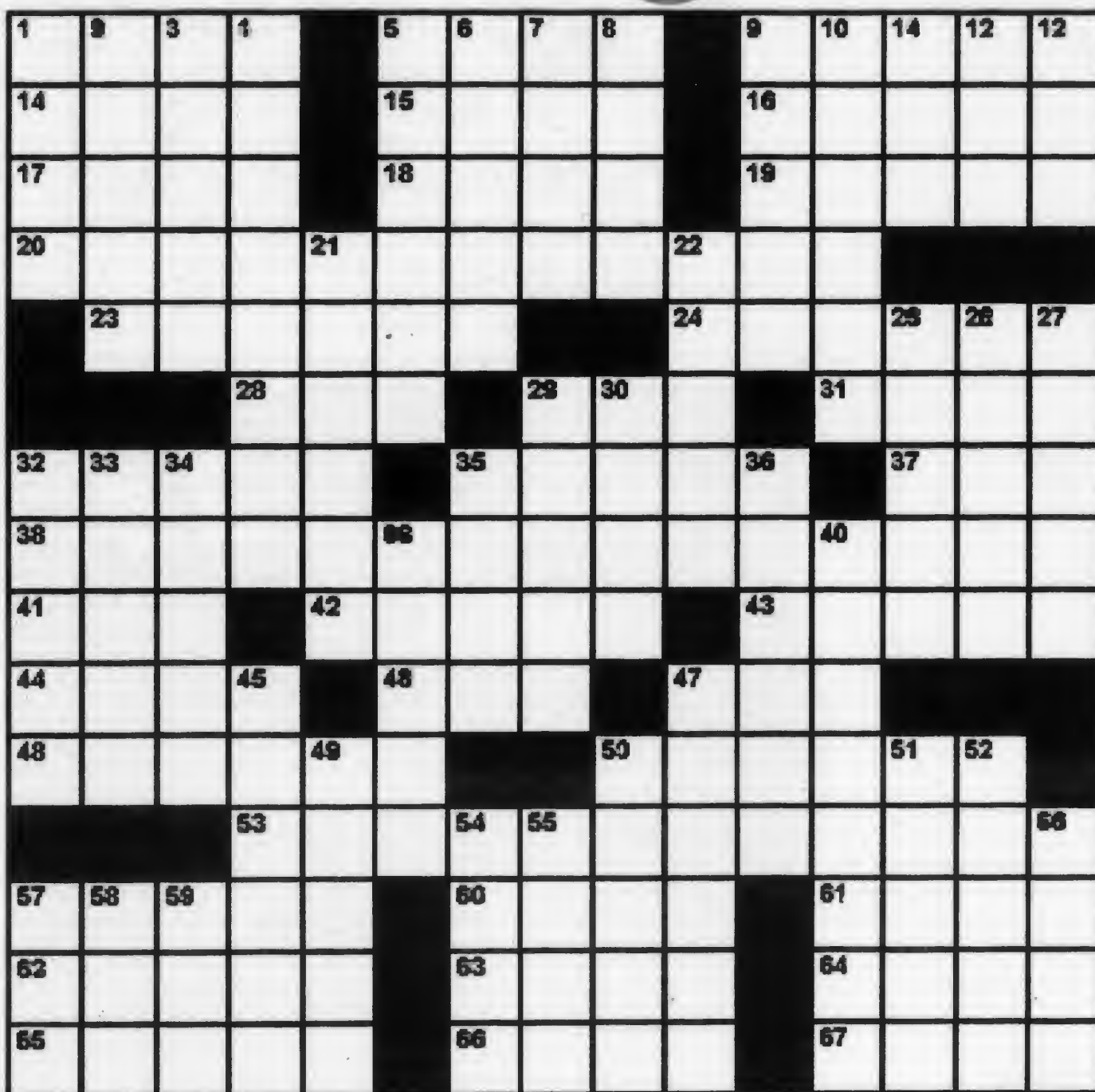
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Flashlight Puzzle Page



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1. ____! In the Name of Love, Supremes hit
5. Impudent or disrespectful back talk
9. Philip ____ is the non executive chairman of the WPP Group.
14. An action done with backs and eyebrows
15. Don't break my heart, my ____ breaky heart.
16. Poet, ____ Dickinson
17. A traditional Japanese stringed instrument
18. Chinese currency equivalent to 15 U.S. cents
19. Rows of shelves at the grocery store
20. A driver's license is a type of this
23. A doom metal band from

24. To loosen or unfasten
28. A homeless person might do this
29. Location of naps
31. ____ Jackson of the Jackson 5
32. Notably stupid person
35. Lofty nest of any large bird
37. Every person's original nine month home
38. Beyond criticism
41. An indefinitely large number
42. ____ makes waste
43. The indigo plant or blue dye obtained from it
44. In term papers, it is important to ____ sources
46. Hide and go ____ k
47. Acronym describing U.S. physicians group

50. The process of changing from monkeys to humans is to ____
53. A period of 365 days, divided into 12 months
57. A supernatural being
60. To come upon by chance or arrangement
61. A noxious weed
62. Fully aware and attentive
63. *12 Monkeys* actress ____ St. Paule
64. Popular MTV show, the H ____
65. Description for a comfy and cozy house
66. The sound that a lion makes
67. A capsule or resistant covering
- Down**

1. Japanese rice based alcohol
2. To ____ a device having four

active electrodes

3. A series of eight bits to form a single byte
4. Coin operated item used to make calls
5. Another word for a quote
6. Severe, sometimes referring to medical condition
7. A small carriage drawn by one horse
8. Popular 90's boy band N* ____
9. To gain knowledge
10. Another form of the preposition amid
11. Walt ____ ney
12. T ____ the truth
13. Novel "Catcher and the ____"
21. What soldiers retreat into
22. Broadcasting, reception or reproduction of sound
25. Latin name for large rain clouds
26. Sometimes on the highway you must pay _ ____
27. A fruit similar to an apple or pear
29. ____ Midler
30. Bert's best friend on Sesame Street
32. To deprive of something, as by fraud
33. Live in radio terms
34. A right hand page of an open book
35. A semicircular recess in a building
36. To inspire with love
39. Something you paint on
40. Having the ability to analyze
45. Four player card game involving trick-taking
47. A computer user's cartoon representation of his or her alter ego
49. Sponge Bob makes a crabby ____
50. Condition involving accumulation of fluid under the skin
51. Young or immature
52. A British nobleman, below a marquis, plural
54. A title of honor of the descendants of Muhammad
55. Emperor of Rome, known for his cruelty
56. What you might do in 29 across
57. Sound a crying baby makes
58. Abbreviation of International Labor Organization
59. A stone such as sapphire or ruby

Do you want the answers?!

Find the answers to this week's crossword puzzle in next weeks issue.

How well do you know...

Old School

1. What "Elf" actor plays Frank?
 - a. Vince Vaughn
 - b. Will Ferrell
 - c. Ellen Pompeo
 - d. Luke Wilson
2. What winter accessory is also a command for Beanie's son?
 - a. scarf
 - b. hat
 - c. ear muffs
 - d. gloves
3. Complete the quote: "____, you're my boy!"
 - a. Blue
 - b. Skippy
 - c. Frank
 - d. Red
4. What does Frank go to do in the quad?
 - a. fight
 - b. read
 - c. streak
 - d. dance

answers: 1. b 2. c 3. a 4. c.

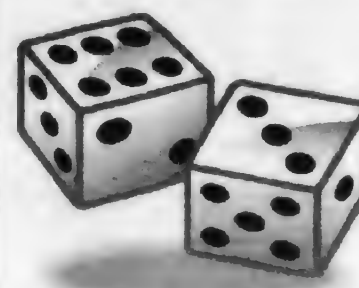
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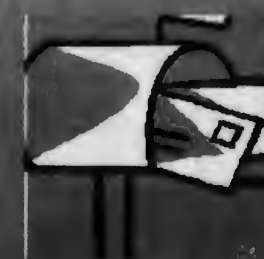
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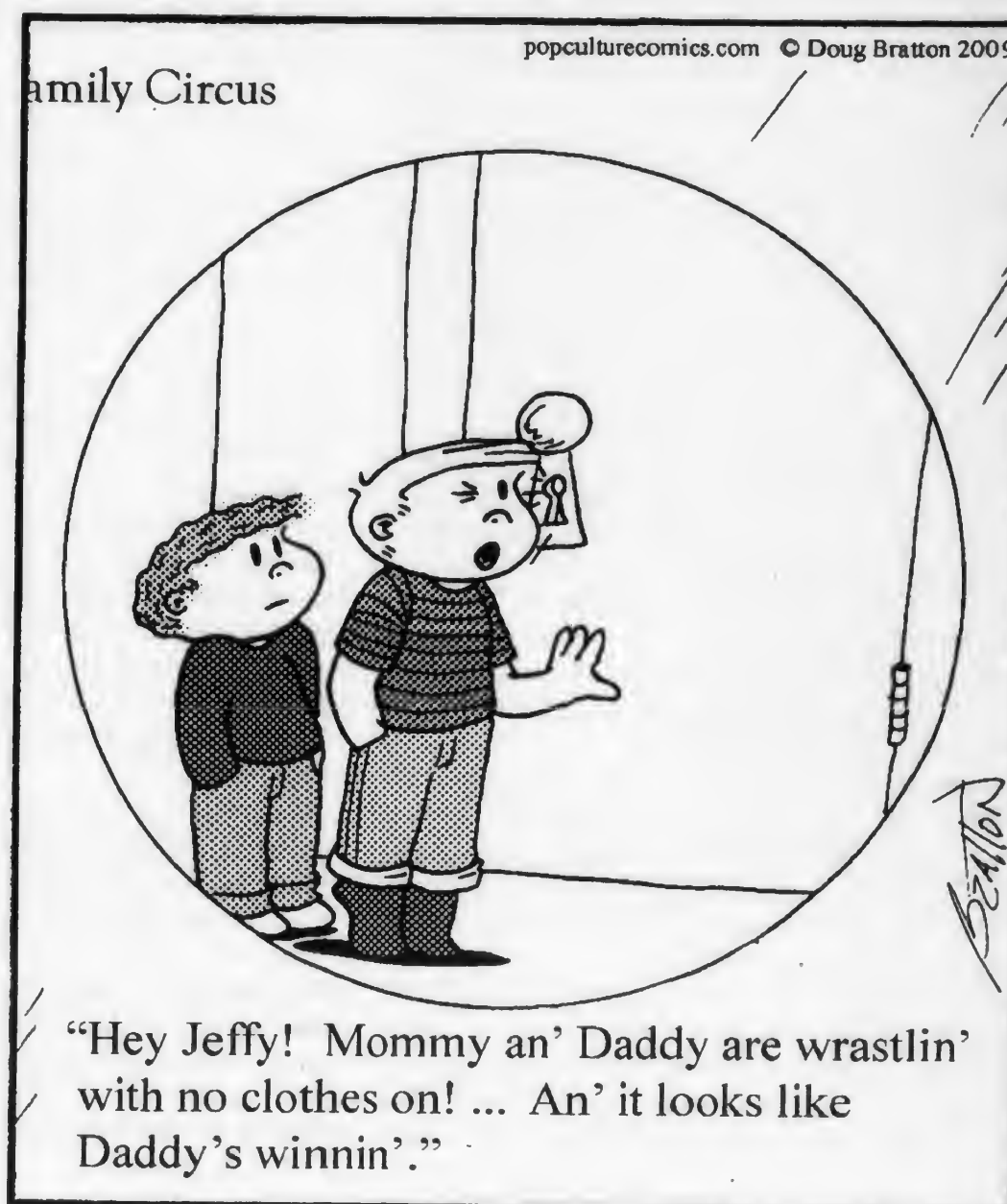
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Learn leads swim team at Vulcan Invitational

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

Tricia Learn, Megan Smickley and Brenae Edwards all earned high finishes for Mansfield University in their individual competitions during the two-day Vulcan Invitational Jan. 23-24.

The Mansfield swim team traveled to the Vulcan Invite for a dual meet against California University of Pennsylvania and Lock Haven University where the team was able to go up against two conference rivals.

"Cal and Lock Haven are in the top five in our conference and it was a good experience for us to swim the top tier," head Coach Ian Coffey said. "Slippery Rock was there as well and they were another good team to race against."

Learn led the way for the Mountaineers with a second place finish in the 200 yard Individual Medley (IM) (2:22.36), third place finishes in the 1000 yard freestyle (11:42.26) and 200 yard backstroke (2:16.90) and a fourth place finish in the 100 yard backstroke (1:04.28). Smickley contributed with a third place finish in the 200 yard butterfly (2:31.56), a fifth place finish in the 400 yard IM (5:23.31) and a sixth place finish in the 200 yard IM (2:31.49) — four places behind Learn.

"Tricia had a great meet — she is really hitting her stride now," Coffey said. "Megan also did well with two personal bests and almost a third. She had an awesome meet and I was proud of the way she swam. She showed us this weekend how far she has come this season. She is racing fast and smart and each meet she is getting a personal best and is improving. Her leadership and improvement makes Megan someone who will do well in this program for years to come."

Edwards, a two-sport athlete who is simultaneously participating in both track and swimming, broke into her first meet of the season with her own list of successes. Edwards

placed third in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 58.12 and placed fourth in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 26.93.

"Brenae showed how great she can swim with only a little swimming practice," Coffey said. "She only swims with us maybe two times a week, but she did an excellent job and she will be at the conference meet with us."

No other swimmers were placed within the top three spots, but Christine Gillies came close with a sixth place finish in the 50 yard butterfly (31.09).

The top finishes for other team members included Samantha Kutskel finishing seventh in the 200 yard breaststroke (3:05.94), Emily Arnold finishing seventh in the 50 yard breaststroke (40.38) and Jonna Chilensky finishing 11 in the 50 yard backstroke (41.75).

Despite the other swimmers not earning top spots, Coffey explained that the results don't necessarily reflect the team's success that day.

"The way the meet was set up, it was a three session invitational where during each session we swam against another team," Coffey said. "However, at the end of it, all scores were added up for the final results. Even though we came in last place, in no way did we struggle. We held our own against two of the better teams in our conference. Christine swam well and Emily Arnold had her best meet of the season."



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Senior swimmer, Tricia Learn, led the Mansfield swim team against Cal University, Lock Haven University and Slippery Rock University during the two-day Vulcan Invitational. Learn placed second in the 200 IM, third in both the 1000 yard freestyle and 200 yard backstroke and fourth in the 100 yard backstroke.

The swim team has only one final meet this season against East Stroudsburg University on Saturday, Jan. 31 before heading to the PSAC Championships in February. Learn is the only individual from the team who qualified, but the relay teams will also compete.

"Our goals for the last meet are to swim fast and get some good swims in before we start getting ready for the conference championship meet," Coffey said. "We are training hard and in a few weeks we will back off and just freshen up on the turns and racing before going to PSACs."

Vulcan Invitational: Complete Team Results

Name	Event	Place	Time
Tricia Learn	200 IM	2	2:22.35
	1000 freestyle	3	11:42.26
	200 backstroke	3	2:16.90
Megan Smickley	200 butterfly	3	2:31.56
	400 IM	5	5:23.31
	200 IM	6	2:31.49
	100 butterfly	7	1:08.79
	50 butterfly	8	31.80
	500 freestyle	9	5:55.12
	100 IM	9	1:13.89
Brenae Edwards	100 freestyle	3	58.12
	50 freestyle	4	26.93
Christine Gillies	50 butterfly	6	31.09
	200 freestyle	7	2:13.78
	100 butterfly	8	1:11.07
	100 freestyle	9	1:03.90
Samantha Kutskel	200 breaststroke	7	3:05.94

	100 breaststroke	8	1:25.49
	50 breaststroke	9	40.84
	200 freestyle	11	2:27.61
	100 IM	11	1:20.99
Emily Arnold	50 breaststroke	7	40.38
	100 breaststroke	9	1:27.46
	50 backstroke	9	36.66
	100 IM	10	1:18.84
	100 backstroke	11	1:18.74
	50 butterfly	11	33.39
Jonna Chilensky	50 backstroke	11	41.75
	50 freestyle	12	37.51
Learn, Edwards, Gillies, Smickley	400 freestyle relay	4	4:01.54
	800 freestyle relay	6	8:58.09
Learn, Edwards, Gillies, Kutskel	200 medley relay	5	2:05.92
	400 medley relay	6	4:42.34

Women's Basketball falls to Kutztown and West Chester University

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL

Flashlight Sports Writer

The women's basketball team lost to Kutztown University and West Chester University in two PSAC East games, bringing the team's conference record to 0-4.

During the Kutztown game on Wednesday, Jan. 21, Mansfield suffered a close 61-59 loss.

Freshman Mallory Moore earned the first points of the game 15 seconds into play off of a layup and the Mountaineers continued to dominate in the first half, limiting the Golden Bears to only 19 points.

The second half was another story, however, as Kutztown went on a 19-7 scoring run over the first seven minutes of play to give them a 38-35 lead. The two teams battled back and forth, exchanging leads nine times for the remainder of the half, keeping the point differential to a maximum of five points.

Chelsea Tracey hit a three-pointer and Nicole Pender added a layup to give the Mountaineers a 59-54 lead with 2:37 left in the game, but their advantage would not last. A foul shot and two layups from Kutztown's Melissa McQuade tied the game at 59-59 and a final shot from Kutztown's Vivian Melvin gave the Golden Bears the 61-59 win.

Mansfield shot 39.1% from the floor and capitalized on only 50% of their free throws.

Freshman Rebecca Pollack and senior Courtney Brooks were the leading scorers from Mansfield with 11 points each while Moore and Pender each followed closely behind with 9.

The following Saturday, Jan. 24 didn't bring much more comfort as the Mountaineers lost to West Chester University 70-59.

The Mansfield women's basketball team closed out the first half only four points behind, but could not overcome West Chester's second half game.

For the first part of the first half, the Rams and Mountaineers battled for control of the game with the Mountaineers either behind by no more than two points or in a dead-even tie.

With nine minutes left in the first half, Morgan Hafer sank a three-pointer to bring the Mountaineers ahead of the Rams 18-16. The Mounties held the lead while even extending

it to a six-point difference. West Chester followed with an eight-point turn-around, however, receiving points from Janelle Garber's two jumpers, Megan Stewart's two free throws and Mary Serratelli's layup.

West Chester pulled even farther ahead to bring the first half to a close with the score as 36-32.

At the start of the second half it was all West Chester as the Mounties could not manage to score a point for the first seven minutes. It wasn't until Courtney Brooks and Nicole Pender hit back-to-back three pointers that the Mountaineers were able to bring the Rams' lead down to nine.

Seconds later Moore scored on a layup to bring the lead down to seven, but that would be the closest Mansfield would come to catching the Rams. West Chester finished the game shooting 52.5% in field goals, 60% in three-pointers and 62.5% in free throws.

"When Meredith and I were in the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union), one of our coaches had an acronym for us to remember," Morgan Hafer said. "It was RALF which means, Recognize your mistake, Accept your mistake, Learn from it, and Forget about it. That's how we view this game."

After going 13-26 on field goals and 3-4 on free throws, the Mountaineers' second half dropped to 9-35 on field goals and 6-9 on free throws.

"We came out strong and positive as we knocked down shots," freshman, Meredith Hafer said. "We just have to look at the game since we are a young team and take it as a learning experience so that the next time we meet a team we will be the ones on top."

"It was one of those games where if one more little thing went right for us we could've come out on top," Morgan Hafer said. "I guess we were hoping that West Chester would be our change of luck."

Mansfield's top scorers were Moore with 19 points and a team-high eight rebounds, Clarissa Correll with 15 points and Brooks with eight points. West Chester's Garber was the game-high scorer with 26 points.

Mansfield stays home this week, hosting East Stroudsburg University on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

"A college student's life is busy but we would appreciate it a lot if more students would make it out to the games to support both the men and women," Morgan Hafer said.



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Freshman Rebecca Pollack had seven defensive rebounds, one assist and scored 11 points for the Mountaineers during their game against Kutztown University. Nine of her 11 shots came during the first 20 minutes of play.

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Men's basketball goes 1-1 in conference play

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

The men's basketball team rose to a 2-2 PSAC East Conference record this past week after losing 85-69 to Kutztown University, but defeating West Chester University 79-68.

The men's away game against Kutztown on Wednesday, Jan. 21 didn't start well, with Mansfield being held to a season low 20 points in the first half.

"We didn't do much of anything well against Kutztown," head coach Rich Miller said. "We didn't play with a lot of intensity and our lack of enthusiasm, as well as our inability to produce offensively, was a big reason why we were held to only 20 points."

Kutztown held a 31-20 lead at halftime over the Mountaineers who were 0-6 from the three point arc and 6-12 from the free throw line.

While Mansfield doubled their shot percentage from 25% to 50% throughout the second 20 minutes of play, they couldn't compete with the Golden Bear's impressive shot percentage of 61%.

"The second half we scored a lot more, but that's just because it was a more fast-paced half than the first was. It wasn't necessarily that we did any better in shooting – it just seemed that way compared to the slow first half both teams had," Miller said. "Kutztown was able to capitalize on our mistakes in the second half. We had a lot of turnovers and, because we were missing a lot of our three-pointers, they got a good deal of transition points off of long rebounds."

Kutztown had five players in the double digits that day compared to only three players from Mansfield. Sophomore Yuseff Carr put up 13 points and brought down eight rebounds while senior captain Chris Greene earned 11 points and junior Lavail Owens added 10.

"Despite the fact that there weren't too many positives that came out of that game, Owens, Carr and Greene did a nice job for us," Miller said. "Owens broke his nose about five weeks ago against IUP and he's still struggling with the face mask he has to wear, but he's starting to get used to it and he really helped out against Kutztown. Yuseff is a guy that can finish shots and is diverse in his shots around the basket. Defensively he has good positioning and quick feet, and when he plays intelligently, he can be a big weapon for us."

Mansfield ended the game losing 85-69 and boosting Kutztown's PSAC East record to 2-1.

Despite the unsatisfactory loss to the Golden Bears, the Mountaineers went on to defeat West Chester at home on Saturday, Jan. 24. The game marked West Chester's first PSAC East loss of the season.

"It was a must-win game for us," Miller said. "We were coming off of back-to-back losses and had dug ourselves a hole early with a 1-2 conference record. Plus, we were playing at home, so it turned into a morale thing. We hadn't really put together a good 40 minutes in the past two games and we simply needed to win."

Mansfield brought the intensity from the start, gaining the first possession from tip-off and scoring the first four points of the game off of a layup from junior Ryan Callahan and a jumper from Carr. The Mountaineers never trailed the entire game and kept a double-digit lead the entire first half after a pair of foul shots from Greene. This was the first game that Greene started in this season due to a preseason ankle injury.

"Greene started being a little more assertive offensively and defensively during the Kutztown game and that's why we

decided to start him again against West Chester," Miller said. "He's starting to get his rhythm back and his leadership skills are starting to improve as well. It's great to be able to have two solid point guards on the team."

Throughout the first half, the Mountaineers showed their experience against West Chester's match-up zone defense.

"For their match-up zone, we ran our typical man offense as well as a setup that involved passing to the high post who would then kick it to the outside," Miller said. "Tony Fannick and Cory Boone made some good passes out of that and we were able to show our maturity in handling and passing the ball. No one panicked or made poor decisions since everyone on the team is used to this kind of pressure by now. Even our freshman Tony Fannick, a player who's got a lot of experience as the son of a basketball coach, shows maturity on the court."

Mansfield led 37-25 going into the locker room at half time with a shot percent of 48% to West Chester's 24%.

The Mountaineers continued their defensive momentum going in the second half, with blocks from Fannick, Carr and junior Chris Pender. The team also maintained a comfortable scoring-lead until the Golden Rams started their slow and steady comeback a little over 10 minutes into the half. West Chester's improvement was due mostly to their full court press.

"We just didn't execute the press break well," Miller said. "It was one aspect of the game I was a little disappointed about. West Chester had some nice shots on the return possessions from outside the arc – shots that would be hard to defend for any team – but we realize that we still need to work on things at our end. Our full court press offense is one thing we'll continue to work on for the East Stroudsburg game coming up."

West Chester was able to cut the lead to 71-64 with 1:18 left in the game, but ultimately lost 79-68.

Mansfield produced a season high of nine blocked shots and held a 56.6 to 31.5 shot percentage over the Golden Rams, despite earning a season low of eight three-pointers.

Carr led the team with 26 points, five rebounds and four blocks while Callahan followed closely behind with 20 points, eight rebounds and two assists. Pender also scored in the double-digits, putting up 11 points and contributing with three blocks of his own.

"The Kutztown game and the West Chester game were



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Chris Greene started as point in Saturday's game against West Chester University after scoring 11 points at Kutztown University the previous Wednesday night. Greene, the captain of the men's basketball team, hadn't been starting in the games due to an ankle injury earlier in the season.

like night and day," Miller said. "Against Kutztown we lacked enthusiasm, but against West Chester we had intensity not only from the players, but also from the crowd. We're always happy when we have a huge crowd like that. Of course our goal is to win every game, but the home games are especially important, so it's great to get the student and fan support."

The team's next game is at home game against East Stroudsburg University on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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Cardinals make their first Super Bowl appearance against the five time champs

By DANELLE MILLER

Flashlight Copy Editor

The Arizona Cardinals are heading into their first Super Bowl against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Feb. 1 in Tampa Bay, FL.

In the 88 years the Arizona Cardinals franchise has been functioning, this is the first time they have traveled to the Superbowl. Over the past 32 years, the Cardinals have only made the playoffs three times.

The Cardinal's success this season had to do with Rod Graves being named General Manager of the Cardinals. Grave began to change things around, declaring that Arizona would rebuild their team through the draft and select the best players possible. The team aimed to lock-in exceptional players with new deals before their original contracts expired. Players who locked-in to the deal were Reggie Wells (offensive guard), Gerald Hayes (linebacker), Adrian Wilson (strong safety), Darnell Dockett (defensive tackle), Larry Fitzgerald (wide receiver) and Anquan Boldin (wide receiver).

With Graves' design and draft picks over the years, the Cardinals rebuilt the team and are finally heading to the Super Bowl with an offense that is ranked second in the league in passing yards and fourth place in points and yards.

The Steelers, on the other hand, are no strangers to the Super Bowl. They return three years after defeating the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL. A majority of the team from three years ago has returned, such as quarterback Ben Rothlesberger, leading receiver Hines Ward and leading rusher Willie Parker.

The Steelers bring to the game a top defense that is ranked number one in points, yards and passing yards, and number two in rushing yards.

In post season play, Arizona holds two offensive league leaders and one defensive league leader. Edgerrin James is first in rushing yards, recording 203 in the post season, while Larry Fitzgerald leads in offensive rushing yards with 419. Defensively, Ralph Brown is ranked first in interceptions with two and their quarterback, Kurt Warner, is in second place behind Donovan McNabb with 770 passing yards.

Pittsburgh, on the other hand, has Ben Rothlesberger sitting at fifth place in passing yards with 436. Receiver Willie Parker holds second place for rushing yards with 193 and defensively LaMarr Woodley completed four sacks.

Both teams have statistics in the post-season that rival each other, so stay tuned to watch the rivalry be hashed out on Sunday at 6 p.m. on NBC.



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Larry Fitzgerald of the Arizona Cardinals leads the league in post season offensive rushing yards with 419. He will face a tough Pittsburgh defense that's ranked number one in points, yards and passing yards.

Word on the Street

Question: Who do you think will win Super Bowl XLIII, and why?



The Cardinals have done really well in the post season, but the Steelers have a much better defense. I'm more for the Steelers than I am for the Cardinals, but I think it will be a close game.

- Bryan Columbo



Sure, the Steelers have been to the Super Bowl before, but the Cardinals have NEVER been to the Super Bowl. They're a team that's hungry for a win and I think that will give them the edge.

- Cody Stinger



I think the Steelers are going to win. This is their chance to get their sixth Super Bowl ring and be the best team in the league. I can't see the Cardinals taking that away from them.

- Sam Delere

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Mike Gray measures up in the weight throw and shot put

By CARTER TOMSA

Special to the Flashlight

Mike Gray, a sophomore field athlete for the Mansfield track and field team, has tossed himself into the 2009 indoor season by leading the men's team in the shot put and weight throw.

One of Gray's recent accomplishments was his NCAA Division II provisional qualifying throw of 52-09.25 (16.08m) in the shot put at the Southern Tier Collegiate Open at Cornell University on Jan. 9. This throw not only beat Erik Roneker and Bob Belden from Cornell, but the distance also broke his own Mansfield University record. About a week later on Jan. 17 at the RIT Invitational, Gray won the men's shot put with a throw of 52-03.25 (15.39m), beating his closest challenger by three feet, and won the men's weight throw with a distance of 51-08.50 (15.76m), beating the second place qualifier by five feet. "I felt good in warm up's and just knew I was better than my competition," Gray said.

During the first meet of the year against Kent State, Gray placed further emphasis on his talents by breaking the school record in the men's weight throw with a PSAC qualifying throw of 52-05.00 (16.00m). His throw

surpassed Aaron Fiacconi's school record throw of 52-04.00 (15.95m) from 2003. According to Gray, he doesn't plan on losing his competitive momentum anytime soon.

"I have yet to have reached my full potential," Gray said.

Prior to his collegiate success, Gray was a three sport athlete in high school, participating and excelling in football, basketball and track and field. Although Gray placed third in the state finals for discus during the spring of his senior year, colleges were more interested in Gray as a potential basketball recruit than a track and field asset. Colleges including Gannon University, Utica Tech, Alfred State and Elmira College were interested in Gray's basketball talents.

After deciding to come to Mansfield University, Gray participated in the basketball program for one year as a sophomore, but decided that he wanted to devote all of his time to track since his love for basketball was outweighed by his promising potential as a track and field athlete. As a freshman, Gray qualified for the indoor conference at the PSAC championships in the shot put event, but did not do as well as he had hoped. During the outdoor season in the spring of his freshmen year, Gray missed qualifying for nationals in

the discus by .39 meters. Gray remembered his mother putting the news article on his home refrigerator for motivation. "The fact that I had to look at the article that said I missed nationals by such a narrow margin, .39 meters to be exact, just ate at me every day until I got another chance to throw discus in competition," Gray said.

As a sophomore, Gray again qualified for the indoor conference at the PSACs where he took third in the shot put event and competed in the weight throw. During the outdoor season of his sophomore year, Gray placed first in the discus at every meet except three. He qualified for Nationals at the Gator Invitational at Allegheny College on May 9, 2008 for discus with a throw of 58.91 meters and amongst Division I competition at Regionals, Gray placed third in the discus. After missing Nationals by .39 meters the year before Gray was able to tear down the memories of the past by placing sixth in the nation and becoming an All-American athlete.

"I think the feeling of being an All-American was a sense of achievement," Gray said. "The excitement didn't set in for a few days."

Gray currently holds Mansfield University collegiate records in the shot put, discus, hammer and 35lb weight throw. His



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Mike Gray won the shot put and weight throw during the RIT Invitational in addition to qualifying for PSACs and breaking his own school record earlier in the season.

next meet will take place Jan. 30-31 where the track and field team will travel to Bucknell University for the second time this season.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
January 29	30 - Track & Field @ Bucknell University	31 - Women's basketball @ Millersville University, 1 p.m. - Men's basketball @ Millersville University, 3 p.m. - Swimming @ East Stroudsburg University, 1 p.m. - Track & Field @ Bucknell University	February 1	2	3	4 - Women's basketball vs. Bloomsburg University, 5:30 p.m. - Men's basketball vs. Bloomsburg University, 7:30 p.m.
5	6 - Track & Field at the Milrose Games in NYC	7 - Women's basketball @ Shippensburg University, 1 p.m. - Men's basketball @ Shippensburg University, 3 p.m. - Track & Field at the Milrose Games in NYC	8	9	10	11 - Women's basketball vs. Kutztown University, 5:30 p.m. - Men's basketball vs. Kutztown University, 7:30 p.m.

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Few Snow Showers



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Maple Manor to turn into freshmen only residence starting next semester

By JAMIE CURTIS

Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University will be turning Maple Manor into a first-year student [freshmen] only residence beginning Fall 2009.

Student reactions have ranged from strongly negative to mixed opinion. However, Mansfield University faculty feel that this plan titled Freshman Year Resident Experience (FYRE) will increase success rates of first year students. The main goals are student success and retention.

Dr. Adrienne McEvoy is a Philosophy Professor, and Interim Assistant Provost for the University. "We're very sensitive to student needs to interact and be successful," McEvoy said. "National research shows that 38 percent of students don't finish college, and that's a problem...comparison statistics are maintained on college graduation rates..." McEvoy said.

According to Associate Vice President of Residence Life Chuck Colby, within Student Affairs/Residence Life, the Freshmen Year Experience movement is a national phenomenon. It is expanding every year and being added to more colleges/university housing programs. "Last year we looked at this plan with Student Affairs in smaller segments," Colby said. The university added two floors for first year students in Laurel Hall. "The rooms filled up. Students were not assigned to these floors; they chose to be there," Colby said.

There is also discussion of possibly using space for classrooms. "Maple was the most practical space to transform into classrooms because of the way the floors are arranged; the opportunity for a classroom area and amount of lounge/recreation space remaining," McEvoy said. "If we can bring the classroom opportunities into the residence halls [ground floor] we're not



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Maple Manor is turning into an all freshman dorm for the Fall 2009 semester to the dismay of many current Maple residents.

invading space and are providing a more convenient service..." McEvoy said. "That's what our jobs are about: what we can do for students."

While FYRE may be successful, it is not beneficial to the several hundred Maple Residents that will be displaced as a result of the new policy. Mansfield student Sydney Lytle is one example.

"When I came to Mansfield in summer 06' I lived in Maple and fell in love with the place," Lytle said. "I also lived in Laurel and it was uncomfortable. Moving to Maple was the best thing I ever did. I'm a junior and I've helped freshmen girls with a lot of issues."

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Dr. Peter Keller is named new Mansfield University Provost

By KEVIN WRIGHT

Flashlight Writer

President Maravene Loeschke announced Friday, Jan. 31 that Peter Keller was chosen as Mansfield University's new provost and vice-president of academic affairs.

Keller was chosen from four final candidates from the initial pool of applicants gathered by a national search by the nine member Mansfield University provost search committee. Janeen Sheeche, a member of the search committee, said that the members came from a wide variety of sources, including faculty, as well as a graduate and undergraduate student.

Each final candidate had two days of interviews on campus and three open meetings, one for faculty, one for the whole campus, and one for students. Those attending the meetings were given a chance to give feedback to the search committee by filling out evaluations of each candidate.

The search committee gave their overall recommendation of the top three candidates to Loeschke, and then she spoke with committee



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Keller is the new provost of Mansfield University. He has been a faculty member since 1974.

members individually and made the final decision.

"Dr. Keller emerged from the search process and an exceptionally strong pool of candidates as the top candidate," Loeschke said in the email announcing Keller's selection.

"He has a great love for the University and has its best interests at heart; it is not just another stepping stone for his career," Sheeche said, "I'm happy that he was selected."

Keller has been on sabbatical leave from The University and said he has been studying how to implement positive ethics. "I would like to have a wide range of students conversant in ethics," Keller said "It makes our lives better."

Keller says that he is committed to the strategic plan and creed of the University. "It is one of the best plans that I've ever read," Keller said, "Ours is genuinely exciting because it focuses on how to transform lives."

Keller thinks that putting the strategic plan into action and not just words is one of the most important things for a school to do. "The challenge is to get everyone pulling in the same direction; I think Mansfield has the opportunity to do that. That's one of the reasons I chose to apply for this position."

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Weekly
Weather

TODAY

Few Snow-
showes

High: 17 Low: 15

FRIDAY

Partly
Cloudy

High: 33 Low: 22

SATURDAY

Few Show-
ers

High: 42 Low: 34

SUNDAY

Rain/Snow
Showers

High: 40 Low: 24

MONDAY

Mostly
Cloudy

High: 40 Low: 23

TUESDAY

Rain/Snow
Showers

High: 35 Low: 26

WEDNESDAY

Rain/Snow
showers

High: 36 Low: 25

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Mansfield University

-Kids Night Out is back for the new year. Come join the fun at Decker Gym at Mansfield University. Boys and girls are welcome from ages 5-18. There will be family rates. Kids Night Out is on Saturday Feb. 7 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. It is sponsored and supervised by Mansfield University's mountie baseball team. For more information call (570)-662-4457

-Have you ever wondered where your student activities fees go or who decides how they are spent? The Committee on Finance (COF), a subcommittee of the Student Government Association, is your answer and they want your help. COF currently has one seat available for an at large position. Applications can be picked up from Barb Morgan's office on the 3m floor of Alumni. Please return them by Feb. 10 or e-mail them to brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu. COF meets every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in room 312 of Alumni.

Senior class gift allows 2009 to leave
a legacy at Mansfield University

Each year the graduating class at Mansfield University raises money for a senior class gift. This gift celebrates the success of your years at Mansfield, and leaves a legacy for the future. With May commencement rapidly approaching, it is important to start the planning process early in the semester and make your voice heard.

The Class of 2008 aimed to raise \$1,500 and met their goal by year's end. As always, the challenge to exceed the amount raised by those graduates is a strong motivator for any class. The grads behind you will soon be on their way to break the 2009 dollar amount as well, so aim high!

Giving to Mansfield University helps to establish a legacy for your class by changing the campus through your specific intentions. Additionally, the gifts given by alumni affect the way that Mansfield is ranked among other colleges in the state and nation. A report in *U.S. News and World Report* (August 2008) indicated that it used alumni giving as part of its methodology. This philanthropic data on alumni giving accounts for 5 percent of the annual ranking. According to *U.S. News and World Report*, "this reflects the average percentage of living alumni with bachelor's degrees who gave to their school during 2005-06 and 2006-07, which is an indirect measure of student satisfaction."

A committee has been formed to assist in crafting the vision for your gift. We are seeking committee representation from 2009 graduates in each department to provide well-rounded input for what the gift will be and how the money will be raised. Keep an eye on the *Daily Digest* and *The Flashlight* to learn how you can be a part of this giving and where to go on the web site for additional information.

One of the easiest ways to raise money for the senior class gift is to submit a dedication in the Commencement program. Visit the Commencement section of Mansfield.edu, fill out the form, attach your gift, and your contribution has been made! Let your family and friends know this is available so they can contribute to the fund and have a dedication wish printed in the Commencement Program for your special day!

Supporting the 2009 senior class gift allows you to make an impact on your legacy at Mansfield University. It's a great way to support Mansfield as we strive for excellence in developing tomorrow's leaders.

If you have any comments on the senior class gift, please feel free to contact L. Kerry Miller in Alumni House using ext 4296 or e-mail lkemiller@mansfield.edu

Entertainment Corner



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Hot Digital Songs:

- 1.) Kelly Clarkson - My Life Would Suck Without You
- 2.) The All-American Rejects - Gives You Hell
- 3.) Lady GaGa Featuring Colby O'Donis - Just Dance
- 4.) The Fray - You Found Me
- 5.) Kanye West - Heartless



Hot Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

- 1.) Taken - PG-13, Liam Neeson
- 2.) Paul Blart - PG, Kevin James
- 3.) UnInvited - PG-13, Emily Browning
- 4.) Hotel for Dogs - PG, Emma Roberts
- 5.) Gran Torino - R, Clint Eastwood



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Mansfield students share their opinions about Obama's Presidency

By KEVIN WRIGHT

Flashlight Writer

According to a recent Gallup poll, President Obama has a 67% approval rating for his first days in office, but what do Mansfield University students think?

It appears that a number of students don't have an opinion on how Barack Obama has done so far in his first term in office. Of over 40 students asked for their opinion, only a handful said they had an opinion on how the president has done thus far.

Some of the students polled said that they did not feel that he had been in office long enough to judge his actions thus far, but some admitted that, although they were excited for the inauguration of President Obama, they had not watched much news about him or his actions and policies since that event.

Kelly Nelson, is a sophomore forensic chemistry major at Mansfield University. She said that she had not heard much about his actions so far but is "excited for his plans," Nelson said.

Some students have been following the new president's actions more closely, however.

Rachel Christian, a freshman political science major, said that she is conservative and was upset when Obama was elected. "He has chosen a lot of non-partisan advisors, particularly considering there is a Democratic majority in congress," Christian said. "I'm not so upset now."

Kris Dumschat, president of the College Republicans, said that he is against many of the president's ethical decisions such as changes in federal funding for abortion and the closing of the

Guantanamo Bay prison facility, which he believes may endanger the American public. "[Closing Guantanamo] could result in the possibility of terrorists being kept in prisons in the U.S., or even worse, being set free to do more damage," Dumschat said.

However, when asked what kind of rating he would give the president thus far, he said he gives him a 7.9 out of 10. He said that he doesn't give him an eight because of the ethical decisions he disagrees with.

"When it comes to my feelings towards President Obama, all I have to say is that I will support the leader of my free country while in office, no matter their gender, race, or political party," Dumschat said.

The president of the College Democrats, Chris Neal, approves highly of President Obama's decisions thus far. He disagrees with Dumschat's opinion of the closing of Guantanamo Bay and commends the president's quick decision. "Within his first two days, he had set a closing date for Guantanamo Bay, something that has scarred the image of the United States for the last few years," Neal said.

Neal said he believes Obama is making radical changes from what has been previously done in Washington during the past eight years of President Bush's administration. "He hasn't been in Washington long enough to owe people anything and he's already showing that," Neal said. "I look forward to seeing how the bailout package will do in the Senate."



PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL MASON

Eight bands performed at the Hut. These bands were Manny X, Practically Single, Testing for Echo, A Rude Revolution, Pullish, The Downtown Fiction, and Making April. Pictured above are Practically Single, and Manny X singing to Mansfield student Meredith Bennett.

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Keller said that retention is important for all universities and is a good measure of how a university is doing, but he has another word that he prefers to use. "I like to call it persistence; retention sounds like you're locking students in," Keller said, "If we do what we are supposed to do, students will be persistent."

Keller said that Mansfield does well in retention compared to public universities nationwide, but he says we could be doing better. Keller's philosophy on improving retention is not based on building a better physical plant at the university, at least primarily; he is more focused on building community. "If we build it they will come," Keller said, "Solid relationships move us forward.... It's not about the best dorms; the most important part is that the institution is the trustworthiness," he said.

Keller hopes to make sure that he does not lose his connection with the people of the university by being an administrator. "It's important that when someone moves into administration they don't forget about the faculty," Keller said "I hope to be out around campus talking with faculty and students and not be isolated in a fifth floor office in North Hall."

When asked about the most important piece of advice he could give students, Keller said this: "As a university student, you have an opportunity that few people in the world have, to learn, explore and engage others. Don't let it pass you by."

Keller has been at Mansfield for 35 years and has spent 20 of those years as the chair of the psychology department. He also served as interim provost in 2005 and most recently as interim dean of faculty.

In his spare time, Keller likes to stay fit in the pool and at Kelchner Fitness Center and in the summer, spend time at his cottage in Maine near the ocean with his wife.

Keller will begin in mid-March as the new provost of Mansfield University.

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There are five girls on my floor that really look up to the upperclassman... It's a shame that they will not be able to see it... Most of my friends were upperclassmen, they taught me how to use Blackboard, Web Advisor, where classes were, and asking for advice in general."

Room selection will be determined by a computer lottery that allows students to choose from available rooms in the remaining residence halls. Room selection dates will be based on earned number of credits.

"Phasing out might be best, they do it for majors... why can't they do that for Maple? I respect him [Colby] for coming to speak with us, but I think he should have taken down our concerns, and discuss them with the residence life staff," Lytle said. "I might move off campus next semester, especially with this issue now. We've spent a lot of money on this school and it should be well spent. I don't want to spend thousands of dollars to live someplace where I'll be uncomfortable and inconvenienced... A lot of people choose to live here [Maple] because it is a comfortable environment, everyone's open and friendly."

"It [FYRE] has its good and bad points," resident Brad Veach said. "It is good because people can look to upperclassman for help. The bad thing about having an all-freshman dorm is that there are going to be so many people going through the same thing. They are not going to have an answer."

Sophomore Anastacia Canfield has spent all four of her semesters in Maple. "They're putting all this effort into helping freshman, but why not re-vamp what they already have? College is survival of the fittest, they tell you that in high school," Canfield said. "Isolating everyone is not helping freshman to survive. They are competing against everyone, not just each other. If you isolate them, you may give the misconception that they're only competing against each other. I had my highest GPA freshman year. Having older students around reduced chaos and they helped me through." Canfield plans to become a Residence Assistant (R.A.) next year. "If that doesn't happen I would continue to protest it, but would move to Laurel because it has a similar community to Maple," Canfield said. "If I could get Maple back I would in a second."

The concept of the first year experience originated from educator John N. Gardner's research in the 1980's. For more information go to <http://www.firstyear.org/staff/john.html>

Students who want to voice their opinions are encouraged to do so through Student Government. Meetings are held Mondays at 9:15 p.m. in 317 Alumni Hall.

Mansfield students flip over flip books Student Government Association Newsletter

By **BRANDON HABERKOST**

Special to the Flashlight

A campus event held in Jazzman's Café on the 29 of Jan. had Mansfield University students flipping – literally.

Matt Gahl and Andy Drake, two hired guns from BobbyK Entertainment set up a station in Jazzman's on the 29th that was capable of instantly making custom flip books.

Each flip book featured an eight second long clip that was filmed on the spot at the makeshift studio. Students were asked to stand in front of a webcam equipped personal computer mounted on a head-level stand, with a well lit white backdrop behind them.

After the students were in place, Gahl would begin to tell them to keep their movements slow and steady while the webcam's timer ticked down to zero.

When the filming was complete, the printer spit out a copy of all 60 frames of action, which were then cut and stapled into a tiny booklet by Drake.

Student creativity was heavily provoked with an arsenal of props brought to the scene by the two artisans. Some of the props were oversized glasses, sombreros, plastic hats, oversized straw hats and a plethora of inflatable musical instruments.

Other props were signs that had phrases such as, "I love you," "I'm with stupid," "I miss you," or "Peace," printed on them.

One student who heard about the event in the Mansfield Daily Digest, Jon Yard, thought one step ahead to present a prom invitation to his girlfriend.

Gahl would shed creative light to those lacking a specific idea by suggesting props and actions. He would also coerce shy students into making flip books by exclaiming, "I'm going to get fired if you don't!" a scare tactic that worked in some situations.

Steve Plesac is the Director of Student Activities. "I wanted to provide more activities directed towards commuter students, Plesac said" He said he tries to provide students with as many activities as possible.

"We don't want to make you feel as though you're in a prison, so we try to give you more things to do," Plesac said. "We feel that the more we bring in, the better off you are."

The Student Government Association (SGA) newsletter will serve as a way for students to gain information about SGA as well as stay updated with the issues that the governing body and the university as a whole are facing.

Last semester several important changes were made to the constitution that affected the structure of the student government executive board. Contrary to the more common organization structure of president, vice president, treasurer, parliamentarian and secretary the new system puts everyone on the executive board in a vice president (VP) position.

These changes were made in an attempt to strengthen the link between important standing committees and the executive board. Currently the following executive board positions have been created, VP of senate, VP of administration, VP of public relations, VP of finance and VP of Programs. The vice presidents are also the chairs of their respective committees. Another goal of this structure was to increase the accountability of committees.

An important task of student government is the approval of new clubs. Recently the following clubs were approved: harp, the Chinese language club, bass fishing club, the Indie film club, soccer club, majorette club, operation sports fanatic and the chess club

Student Government is open to all students at Mansfield University. Elections are held each year in the spring for president as well as the Senate. Executive positions are then voted on by the senate. Each senator represents one hundred students. Individuals running for president must have prior senate experience however; all students are welcome to run for senate. Specific information on election dates will be decided as the election grows nearer. Applications for senate positions are available at the student government office. Furthermore, if senate is not full, senators can be elected through special elections that are held each meeting as long as there are senate seats available.

In order for student government to be successful it must be representative of the students. SGA encourages students to voice their opinions through their senators or in meetings. Student Government meets every full week of school in room 317 AHSC Mondays at 9:15 p.m.

Students can also contact Shantee Proctor at proctors@mounties.mansfield.edu or visit the web site <http://mustweb.mansfield.edu/orgs/sga/>

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
5 ~9 p.m. -12 a.m. Late Night at KFC - Fantasy Casino -All Week Workshop Time Management Hemlock Room 103 For ACT 101 students	6 ~All Week Workshop Time Management Hemlock Room 103 For ACT 101 students	7 ~10 a.m. -12 p.m. Saturday mini visit by appointment only ~8 p.m. Jazz Ensemble/X Ray Concert	8 ~3 p.m. Max Grube and Robin Sustak, Junior Bas- soon/French Horn Recital 5 p.m. ~Saxophone Studio Recital 7 p.m. ~Dr. Joe Murphy, Dr. Nancy Boston and Beth Palmer, Faculty Saxophone/ Piano Recital	9 ~7:30 p.m. Dr. Ben- jamin Moritz, Faculty Piano Recital ~Last Day to complete "Credit-By-Exam"	10 ~11:30 am -12:45 p.m. .Workshop - How to Use WebAdvisor Memorial Hall 103 For ACT 101 students ~8 p.m. -12 a.m. Winter Festival at KFC - sponsored by MAC	11 ~4 p.m. -5:30 p.m. What Can I Do in the Fields of...the Scienc- es? Location: AHSC 317
12 ~9 a.m. 5 p.m. beyon- dthewall Poster Sale. Alumni Hall Student Center,	13 ~9 a.m. 5 p.m. beyon- dthewall Poster Sale. Alumni Hall Student Center, ~7 p.m. Conducting Symposium	14 ~8 a.m. Conducting Symposium ~7 p.m. Jocelyn Raychel and Jonah Klixbull, Junior Voice Recital	15 ~3 p.m. Orchestra Concert	16 ~8:30 a.m. -3 p.m. Visitation Day Steadman Theatre ~8 p.m. American Spiri- tual Ensemble Concert	17	18 ~4 p.m. -5:30 p.m. What Can I Do in the Fields of...Philosophy, Liberal Studies, Political Science & History? Location: AHSC 312

First emergency preparedness drill completed for semester

An emergency preparedness drill occurred on Tuesday Feb. 3 at about 8:40 a.m. on the Mansfield University Campus. The exercise resulted in a campus lock-down and the response was excellent.

There were noted improvements in the communications of the emergency situation and the response of the campus community.

There are still improvements to be made. Jim Welch, the Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator will continue to work with different groups on campus to find out where there are still difficulties in receiving emergency messages, and assist in planning responses.

The university participates in these drills to better prepare for the "real thing" which may never happen, but the campus must be prepared.

An evaluation of the drill events will be conducted in order to improve the emergency response system. Many positive outcomes have been heard from this latest drill, which was very encouraging. Students, staff, faculty took it upon themselves to alert others in their buildings or work area of the "emergency."

Welch urged the Mansfield University community, in an e-mail sent following the drill, to watch out for one another in a time of crisis.

There was great student cooperation and participation. If there are any questions, please contact Jim Welch at jwelch@mansfield.edu.

Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra to celebrate Mendelssohn anniversary

The Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jeff Jacobsen, will perform in concert on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert will be a celebration of the 200 anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn.

The program will open with *The Hebrides* (Fingal's Cave) Overture by Mendelssohn, followed by the *Intermezzo* from *Cavaleria Rusticana* by Pietro Mascagni. A suite by Edvard Grieg titled *Sigurd Jorsalfar* will be performed before intermission.

The program will conclude with the *Symphony No. 5 - Reformation*, a piece by Mendelssohn.

The Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra, composed of talented string, woodwind, brass and percussion students, has won the acclaim of audiences both locally and of the public who have heard the orchestra on tour.

Jacobsen is director of Orchestral Activities and assistant professor of Music Education at Mansfield University. He also serves as conductor for the Bruton Concerto Artists and the Tidewater Intergenerational Orchestra. He has conducted numerous All-State and All-Region Honor Orchestras as well as professional orchestras in Europe.

There are a lot of things in this world we don't want to think about. Especially if you, or someone you know, have never been exposed to it. Sexual violence is a subject that isn't usually considered appropriate dinner conversation. Unfortunately, this attitude of "sweeping it under the rug" is enabling this horrendous crime to run rampant. Awareness is an essential step in the process of ending sexual violence in our homes, our communities and our lives. To find out how you can help raise awareness contact HAVEN of Tioga County at 570-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447

News in a flash by Becca Hazen

Olympian Michael Phelps could be charged for possession of marijuana

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps could face criminal charges due to a photo showing him smoking from a marijuana pipe at a college party at the University of South Carolina.

According to msnbc.com, a spokesman for Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said Tuesday the department was investigating.

"Our narcotics division is reviewing the information that we have, and they're investigating what charges, if any, will be filed," said Lt. Chris Cowan, a spokesman for agency.

The photo surfaced on Sunday in the British tabloid *News of the World*. The picture was taken in November when Phelps was visiting the university.

Phelps did not try to defend the photo's accuracy, but instead issued a public apology, acknowledging his regrettable behavior and bad judgment.

Phelps visited the University of South Carolina last fall and attended the football game against Arkansas. He was greeted with large applause. He met with players and visited the university's coach Steve Spurrier, who gave Phelps one of the coach's trademark visors.

Phelps also spoke during one of the classes about sport's role in society.

The location of the party has not yet been determined. There is no evidence that the party took place on campus. City police will not pursue criminal charges unless more information is uncovered.

The Richland County sheriff can pursue charges as long as the party was in the county, the spokesman said.

"The bottom line is, if he broke the law, and he did it in Richland County, he's going to be charged," Cowan said. "And there's no difference between Michael Phelps and several other people that we arrest for the same type of a charge everyday."

Under South Carolina law, possession of one ounce or less of marijuana is a misdemeanor that carries a fine up to \$200 and 30 days in jail for the first offense. Possession of paraphernalia is a \$500 fine.

New laptops in library available for student use

By DAVID SARGEANT

Special to the Flashlight

New laptops have arrived in North Hall Library. 20 new laptops are now available for students to use at the North Hall Library.

Campus Technology recently replaced 20 older laptops with 20 new Lenovo Thinkpad laptops. They come with two gigs of memory so students can open multiple programs with quicker access while going between them. They come with wireless capability for greater use in the library.

Currently there are 50 laptops for student use in the library. Each laptop has all of the Microsoft programs on them, including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access and Publisher. Each laptop has the printer drivers installed to print from the laptop to all the black and white printers located on all the floors of the library. The color printer, located on the third floor, can also be printed on by all the laptops. All laptops are wireless capable and also come with an Ethernet cord in the laptop carrying case.

Along with the laptops, North Hall Library has 12 computers on the first floor, 12 computers

on the second floor, 12 on the third floor and an additional 12 on the fourth floor. This does not include the citation stations that students may use to look up where books, media and videos are located in the library. There are two citation stations located per floor for that use.

"The Student Technology fee paid for these laptops," Scott DiMarco, Director of Library Services, said. "Anything we can do to provide our students better access for comfort in a better setting we fully support," DiMarco said.

"I use the laptops at the library frequently as I forget my own, and I enjoy the freedom that the wireless provides," Mansfield University student Vincent Cuda said. "I was aware of the new laptops as I overheard the student workers talking about them," Cuda said.

Cheryl Baker is a student who will also be taking advantage of the laptops. "I knew about the laptops and that there were four floors of computers in the library, but not of the new laptops. I am looking forward to using them the next time I need to do my homework," Baker said.

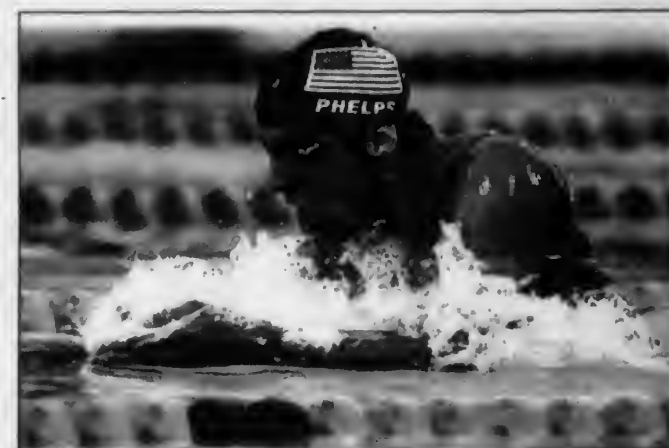


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Michael Phelps won eight gold medals in the Beijing Olympics. If Phelps gets charged, it will not affect his victories.

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ARIES

March 21-April 19

You need to slow down just a bit and let life live itself somewhat -- why shouldn't you take it easy every now and then? If you show people how to relax, more of them will join you

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Your to-do list might feel a bit out of control today, but that just means you need to prioritize and prune it back down to a manageable level. Take all the time you think you need!

LIBRA

September 23-October 22

You're filled with a good buzz today and that energy can be used for almost anything. Your mental powers are sharper than ever, so if there's been a tough puzzle in your life, now's the time to solve it.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

You've got to say something today -- even if the time seems totally wrong. You're not in the best of moods, but you've got a firm grip on what people need to hear and how to get the best response.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

You're not quite yourself today and that could mean that your friends are getting worried. Try to reassure them that it's just a short-lived phase, but if you've got to endure an intervention, so be it.

LEO

July 23-August 22

You and your best friends are in perfect sync right now and should be able to coordinate plans and have fun without expending too much mental energy. It's a good day to kick back and enjoy life!

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Something small but interesting catches your eye midday and might turn into an obsession by evening. You might not quite be equipped to figure it out yet, so keep collecting data for now.

AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

Your brain is crackling with great energy and you may hit on a few creative brainstorms before it gets too late to do anything about them. Take notes and get to work -- you have to seize the day!

GEMINI

May 21-June 21

There's no need for you to take notes or even to take things too seriously today -- anything that really demands follow-up should be obvious later on. Enjoy your great energy and the people around you!

VIRGO

August 23-September 22

It's vital that you stick to logical reasoning today, no matter how cold-hearted it makes you feel inside. Emotional thinking only gets you in deeper and right now you need to separate yourself a bit.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21

Try to speak out today -- you've got more to say than you realize and others are ready to hear it. You may find that tricky emotional communication is much simpler than you had feared.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Romance is filling your heart and mind today, even if you're single. It's a great time to take a second look at your sweetie or someone you may have decided against in the past -- things have changed!

Book Nook: The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals

By **JILL KAUFFMAN**

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

When deciding what to eat for dinner, most people do not think beyond what is on their plate.

The book "The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals" by Michael Pollan explores different aspects of food.

Pollan visits some options people have: for food: organic, alternative and industrial food.

This takes him to places all over the country, from a feedlot to

organic farms to the best known fast food restaurants.

Should a person eat something from the grocery store? How about something

he or she hunted? Pollan explores many different aspects of our choices, from the political to environmental.

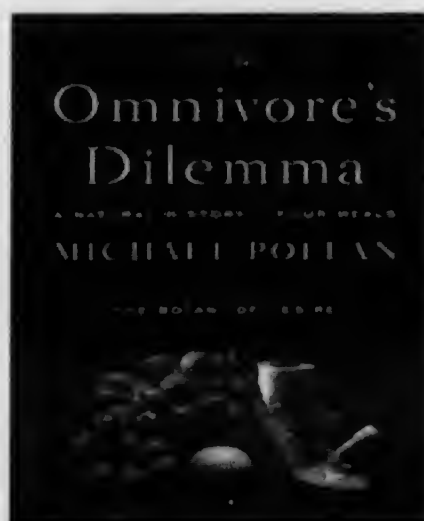
This book will take you from a large corn farm, organic farms, alternative farms and even into the wild as Pollan hunts and harvests his own meal.

The book follows the steps to creating the final product on your plate.

Pollan also discusses how Americans lack a "culture of food" that other countries have due to the many culture backgrounds in the United States.

Pollan takes a look at food in a different light.

It makes you think about where your food comes from and just may change the way you decide what to eat for dinner.



This day in history: Feb. 5, 1917

With more than a two-thirds majority, Congress overrides President Woodrow Wilson's veto of the previous week and passes the Immigration Act. The law required a literacy test for immigrants and barred Asiatic laborers, except for those from countries with special treaties or agreements with the United States, such as the Philippines.

During the late 19 and early 20 centuries, the United States received a majority of the world's immigrants, with 1.3 million immigrants passing through New York's Ellis Island in 1907 alone. Various restrictions had been applied against immigrants since the 1890s, but most of those seeking entrance into the United States were accepted.

However, in 1894, the Immigration Restriction League was founded in Boston and subsequently petitioned the U.S. government to legislate that immigrants be required to demonstrate literacy in some language before being accepted. The organization hoped to quell the recent surge of lower-class immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe. Congress passed a literacy bill in 1897, but President Grover Cleveland vetoed it. In early 1917, with America's entrance into World War I three months away, xenophobia was at a new high, and a bill restricting immigration was passed over President Wilson's veto.

Subsequent immigration to the United States sharply declined, and, in 1924 a law was passed requiring immigrant inspection in countries of origin, leading to the closure of Ellis Island and other major immigrant processing centers. Between 1892 and 1924, some 16 million people successfully immigrated to the United States to seek a better life.

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Touchy subject: iPhone gaining an edge over the Razor

By BRANDON HABERKOST

Special to the Flashlight

The popularity of clamshell style cell phones has declined recently, mainly due to advents such as Apple's iPhone.

A survey was taken around the Mansfield community in which 32 residents and students were asked what cell phone they preferred. Half replied that they lusted for a cell phone with a touch screen.

The reason for this surge in popularity is the touch screen interface. But cell phone users also want internet connectivity, simplicity of use, sleek look and unique features that the new cell phones offer.

Smart phones, such as the Blackberry Pearl, come in a close second. 38% of users wanted one, mainly for reasons like faster and easier texting, internet connectivity, and extra features.

In last place came traditional clamshell style phones, with only 12% of the popularity vote. The most popular desirable features for flip phones, according to the Mansfield public, were durability and price.

However, according to MSNBC, flip phones



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Despite their high prices when compared to flip phones like the Motorola Razor, touch screen phones like the Apple iPhone are the most desired cell phone of Mansfield residents and students.

still hold the national popularity vote, although this percentage has dropped from 80% in 2006 to 64% in 2008.

Why has the flip phone's popularity diminished? There's more than just one answer.

Basically, there's just not enough room in many flip phones to allow them to do many of the things the touch screen and smart phones are capable of, like the hardware for high speed internet, 3-D games or a qwerty keyboard.

Also, since touch screen phones have no need for any physical buttons, more of the phone surface can be dedicated to the display screen, which, in cases like the iPhone and the LG Vu, is almost the entire surface of the phone.

Plus, flip phones need to leave room for a sturdy hinge that holds the top and bottom halves together in a manner that won't break under stress. Not only that, but flip phones usually have screens on the inside and the outside surfaces, which takes up even more room.

According to Unwired View, Apple has applied for a patent for its dual trackpad design, a concept that could be applied to a clamshell version of the iPhone, though no official release of the plan has

"Dark Horse" wins the race

By JENELLE BEAVER

Flashlight Copy Editor

Fans of the Canadian rock group Nickelback were rejoicing all over the United States on Nov. 18, 2008. That was the day that their newest studio album, "Dark Horse" was released. It was a long time coming for many fans because their last album, "All the Right Reasons," was released way back in Oct. of 2005.

"Dark Horse" is the sixth album Nickelback has released and is a little edgier than the previous albums, mostly since this time around Nickelback worked with record producer Robert "Mutt" Lange, who has notably worked with other rock bands such as AC/DC and Def Leppard. Since he's been around for awhile, he brings a new flavor to this highly anticipated new album from one of the most popular bands today. Whatever he did, it seemed to work as "Dark Horse" currently sits in the number three spot on the Billboard 200, and has been on the chart for 10 weeks.

The first single off "Dark Horse" is a catchy tune that rings true to many, titled "Gotta Be Somebody." The song is about the search for finding someone and not giving up, and saying "there's gotta be somebody for me out there." The single currently sits at the number one spot on Billboard's Adult Top 40 chart, and has been there for 17 straight weeks.

The album has some in-your-face songs and some that are not so in-your-face. The first song on the album is a little ditty titled "Something in Your Mouth" and is true Nickelback, a song

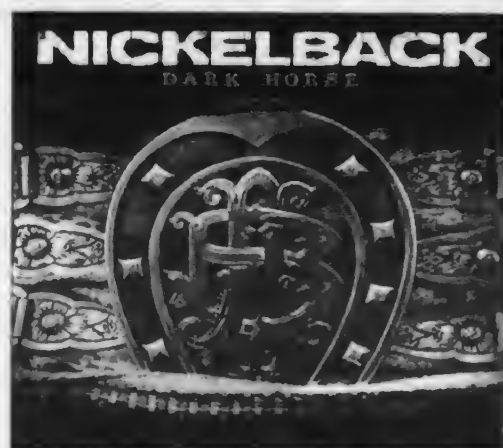


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After multi-platinum records sales on their previous albums, Nickelback is hardly a "Dark Horse."

about a stripper, which we've heard plenty of on other albums. Some other song titles on this album are "Never Gonna Be Alone," about letting your partner know that they are never going to be alone, and a song called "If Today Was Your Last Day," where the band actually gets listeners thinking about what they would do if today was their last day.

If you haven't already done so, head out and check out "Dark Horse." This album does not disappoint, and in fact it is the one album that is constantly playing on my MP3 player. Once you start listening, you will be hooked, going around campus with all the lyrics in your head.

**Celebrate Black History Month
American Spiritual Ensemble
Monday, February 16 at 8 pm
Steadman Theatre**



Tickets for \$8 to adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children may be purchased on-line at music.mansfield.edu or by calling 570-662-4710.

**Students with MU ID will be admitted free of charge.
This event is funded by Student Activity Fees.**

Have any ideas for the Features section?

Email your ideas or comments to Jill or Kay at flashlit@mansfield.edu

PA Department of Health wants to help kick the habit

By NICK ABEL

Flashlight Features Writer

Smokers around campus are red-hot with anger, pun definitely intended. Since the passage of Pennsylvania's Clean Indoor Air Act, smoking has been banned from 95 percent of workplaces and public areas.

The Mansfield University campus falls under those categories, so this ban is hitting students and faculty alike. This change was met with anticipated hostility and has only gotten worse as the months have worn on.

There may be a glimmer of hope at the end of the long smoke-free tunnel. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has instituted a "Quitline," a toll-free telephone service that will offer nicotine therapy kits for smokers who are ready to quit.

Beginning Feb. 2, students can call the Quitline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) to receive their free kit, including nicotine patches while supplies last. While this offer may not be the answer that smokers are looking for, many feel that it is a step in the right direction. "The average smoker makes between five and eight quit attempts before being successful," Acting Secretary of Health Everette James said. "Those who receive support are more likely to succeed."

The addition of the Quitline will follow "Determined to Quit Week," from Jan. 25-31. This effort was made to educate smokers on the numerous resources available to help them quit.



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Each kit provided by the PA Department of Health includes a four week supply of nicotine patches.

Quitting is difficult. To aid smokers who are struggling, the Quitline also offers cessation specialists. These are counselors who can provide three to six sessions of phone support to smokers who are trying to quit. This added service also comes at no extra cost.

All this seems ambitious and benevolent, but how will the program be received on campus? "I think it's a good thing for the most part," said James Rhein, a first-year liberal studies major. "I don't smoke, but I think this thing will help students who are having a hard time with it."

Not all students were so open to the new situation. "I understand the ban and everything," said Chuck Strouse, a junior chemistry student, "but why do they have to push more? I won't smoke on school grounds, but it won't make me quit."

Opinions will continue to run high on this issue with no resolution in sight. As students make their choices, they should consider this: the Quitline and kit are free, but smoking fines on campus are \$25 for each instance. In terms of nickels and dimes, it may be cheaper to quit.

Get your boots in gear

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER

Flashlight Fashion Writer

Not sure of what to wear this winter with the cold weather and snow? Boots are always the way to go. Picking up any boot will not do for the winter weather. The next time you step foot into a store take these suggestions into consideration.

Any height goes when it comes to boots, but the taller the boots are the warmer you will be. Knee high boots can not only be warm but comfortable as well. If you want to take your look to the next level, try out thigh high boots which are becoming popular this season.

Black is in forever and always. It is one color that anyone can look good in. Make sure to buy a good pair of low-heeled black boots and these can be an alternate for the high heeled boots. This is also one style you can splurge on because black never leaves the fashion scene.

Jewel tones and rich shades are big this year. If you are into textured patterns and color take the time out and find a cute pair that fits you. Remember, don't do tacky; do trendy.

If you are into heels and can't seem to let them

go for the winter weather, there are ways to wear heels but stay warm as well. Unless you live in the south, which we don't, you probably need to leave those stiletto heels or peep toe pumps in the closet. But if you can't let go of heels this season then opt for a more stable and thicker heel instead of the stiletto. Look for heels with the most traction and

the most balance since the ground is soggy and icy thanks to the Mansfield winter weather. Also, find heels that cover more of the foot instead of exposing your skin to the winter weather.

You can still look stylish when it's cold outside, just pay attention to the shoes you buy. Think to yourself, "Can I really wear these on or around Mansfield's campus?" Do not buy a pair of heels that exposes a lot of skin, has thin heels or are uncomfortable and you only like them just because of the way they look. More than likely if they fall into any of those categories they should be worn in warmer weather.

Keep your safety in mind as well. One thing you could do if you're dying to wear your tall, sexy shoes and it's nasty out is put on some comfortable, warm shoes with grip and put your other shoes in a spare bag. Get to where you're going, and then slip on your dressier shoes!



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Tall, flat boots are comfortable, warm and stylish. They will keep you warm and are easy to walk around in as you trek Mansfield's hilly campus.

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Check out the tube: Smart TV is no longer an oxymoron

By KAY BARRETT

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

"Rock of Love" is on its third season, "American Idol" is still showcasing awful auditions, and MTV is...well, let's not even talk about that pop culture failure. TV is seriously lacking some brain cells these days, but don't despair, there are plenty of programs out there to enhance your mind and still be entertaining.

Want a show that mixes physics and math with huge explosions and urban legends? If so, check out the Discovery Channel's "Mythbusters." Hosts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman challenge some of the best myths known to man with the help of their assistants Grant, Kari and Tory and their crash test dummy, Buster. Savage and Hyneman are well-known in the special effects industry and have worked on the small screen with commercials for Coca-Cola and 7-Up and the big screen for box office hits like "The Matrix" sequels.

The Mythbuster team uses science, carpentry and special effects knowledge in order to recreate some of the globe's best myths in order to find out if they are plausible or busted. From recent myths like cell phones causing gas pumps to explode to old-time myths like testing to see if peeing on the third rail of a railroad can electrocute a person, the Mythbusters have it all covered. Tune into "Mythbusters" Wednesday at 9 p.m.

Biology, geology and anyone interested in the end of the human race should switch on the History Channel and watch "Life After People." According to History.com, the show is based on the expert opinions of people "in the fields



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Does vodka take the sting out of a jelly fish attack? Can sharks bite through the side of a ship? The Mythbusters have scientific answers to all of your mythological quandaries.

of engineering, botany, ecology, biology, geology, climatology and archeology." Using the best visual effects available today, they show what the world would look like if the entire human race was destroyed in a worldwide nuclear explosion. Cities are shown crumbling and animals are shown run through empty city streets. The special piece only airs on selected dates, so check out History.com for upcoming showings. DVDs of the show are also available online.

Okay, most people see PBS as the home

of "Sesame Street" and "Masterpiece Theater," but the Public Broadcasting System has so much more to offer than kids programming and British accents. According to PBS.com, the network's documentary style show NOVA has won six Peabody Awards and over 20 Emmys, but don't be won by the shows many shiny awards. NOVA should be checked out because the show explores everything from cracking Nazi codes to the US' modern day spy techniques. The NOVA crew investigate science, history and technology mysteries. NOVA airs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on PBS.

Are all these smart shows leaving you starving for more? Then look no further than the Food Network's "Good Eats." For cooking enthusiasts, this show presents recipes in a funny and historical way. Host Alton Brown explores the history of ingredients and why foods are prepared in certain ways. Still doesn't sound interesting enough? Brown isn't a normal host; he's like the Bill Nye of the Food Network. Brown's

show has a cast of reappearing characters, such as Lactose Man, who appears in the dairy based episodes. The show presents food history, makes pop culture jokes and teaches viewers fun and easy recipes, all in just 30 minutes. "Good Eats" appears on the Food Network Monday thru Thursday at 8 p.m.

If a supernatural education is more your thing, then tune into A&E's creepy "Paranormal State." The documentary type show revolves around a group of Penn State students who are part of the Paranormal Research Society (PRS). PRS was founded by Penn State student Ryan Buell, who believes that paranormal phenomenon like poltergeists, ghosts, demonic possessions and voodoo doll curses all exist and should be treated with respect and understanding. The team of paranormal investigators travels across the United States helping households with

paranormal problems.

In one episode, a teenage girl is being attacked repeatedly by a force that cannot be seen. She is strangled, almost drowned in a bathtub on two occasions, pulled into a laundry shoot and has angry messages carved into her skin by the deranged spirit. Although "Paranormal State" isn't rich in scientific or historical knowledge, if you ever find yourself or a friend possessed by a demonic spirit, who is



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The History Channel's "Life After People" shows digitally created images of cities after the extinction of the human race. Above is the barely recognizable Brooklyn Bridge, a crumbling piece of human history.

set on making your life a living hell, then this show could provide you with some introductory knowledge on how perform a séance or a handy exorcism. "Paranormal State" airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on A&E.

Don't fall into the trap of watching desperate and somewhat disgusting people compete for the love of a desperate and disgusting person. Trade in reality shows for real shows. Learn something! Explore history, cook a meal, learn about the end of the world and just enhance some brains cells. Five hundred channels and nothing to watch is no longer an excuse, go check out some smart TV!

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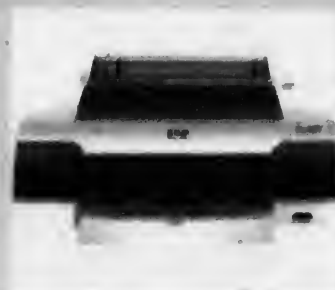
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Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Rodents and Footballs and Presidents – oh my!



Toby, (the handsome young golden retriever pictured here with his mother Kelly on the left) is my youngest dog, Gracie's boyfriend. Both of them are huge fans of Phil and are appalled at the way he is treated.

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Happy belated Ground Hog Day ya'll! By now I'm sure you've all heard that the world's most famous rodent weather forecaster has condemned us to six more weeks of winter. It's not what I wanted to hear, but honestly, who can blame him?

The poor animal gets dragged out of his warm snuggly home every year by a man who dresses like Mr. Peanut and thinks he's Dr. Dolittle – just to be paraded in front of a crowd like a scene out of the *Lion King*. If you look at any of the photos of the event online, you'll see poor Phil precariously suspended in the air by his top hat adorned handler. I would never let this man anywhere near either of my golden retrievers and it's sad that one of our state's iconic creatures is entrusted to his care.

How many of you, the readers, would enjoy a strange man dragging you out of your dorm room or apartment to dangle you above a crowd in Manser? I think it's pretty safe to say that none of us would feel very generous with our weather predictions, given the circumstances.

Regardless of the forecast, the crowd that gathered for Phil's 123 annual holiday was excited to celebrate. Many of the 13,000 onlookers were still adorned in new Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers uniforms. The deputy secretary for tourism Mickey Rowley reported that he even saw several "terrible towels" being waved around Gobbler's Hill. (While we're on the subject of the Super Bowl, happy belated anniversary to the New York Giants).

Big football games and famous four-legged creatures were a big deal last week, but next week the readers can look forward to talking to the big deals on Mansfield's campus. University President Maravene Loeschke and Student Government Association President Shantee Proctor will be fielding questions from students in a new section called "Prez Says." Questions for Loeschke and Proctor should be submitted to flashlit@mansfield.edu no later than Sunday at noon.

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I can't wait to hear from you (but I can't do that unless you e-mail me)!

Fun Fact of the Week

The poison arrow frogs of South and Central America are the most poisonous animals in the world.

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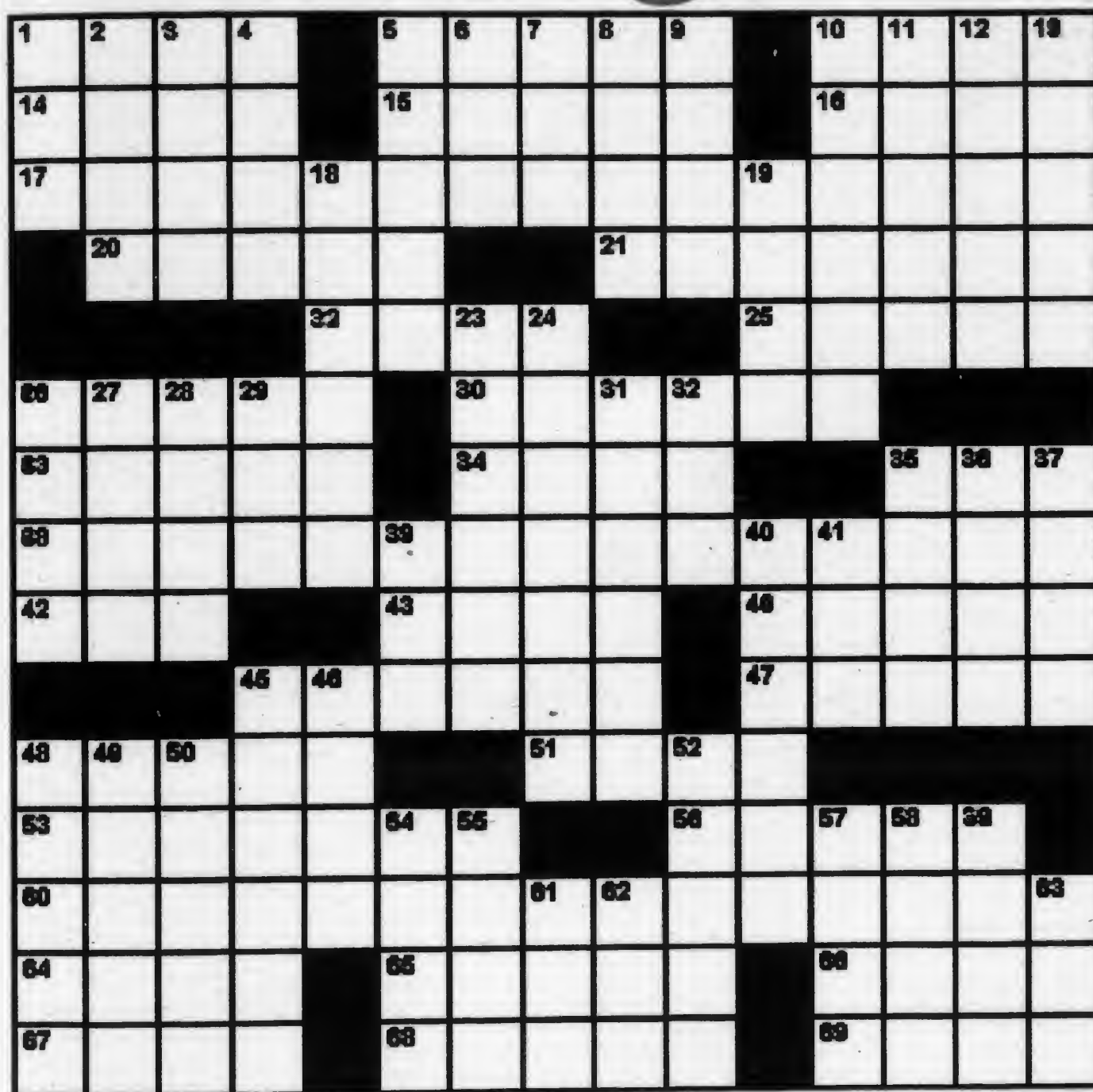
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Flashlight Puzzle Page



Across

1. Breakfast potatoes, ___ed browns
5. Discourage
10. A mass of bubbles of air or gas in a matrix of liquid film
14. 2007 movie, ___ the Wild
15. A point, matter, or dispute
16. Internet top level domain used exclusively for infrastructure purposes
17. Rude, anonymous letters meant to upset the recipient
20. Bon Jovi co-owns this type of football team
21. Gory horror movie

22. Daughter of Uranus in Greek mythology
25. Rummy like card game
26. Rice dish, usually including shellfish
30. "You're killing me ___!"
33. On the pH scale, opposite of bases
34. David ___, CEO of Honeywell International Inc.
35. Large seed in the center of a peach
38. An absence of concern for the welfare of others
42. AC/DC line, "I'm ___. I'm dynamite."
43. A usually fleshy appendage

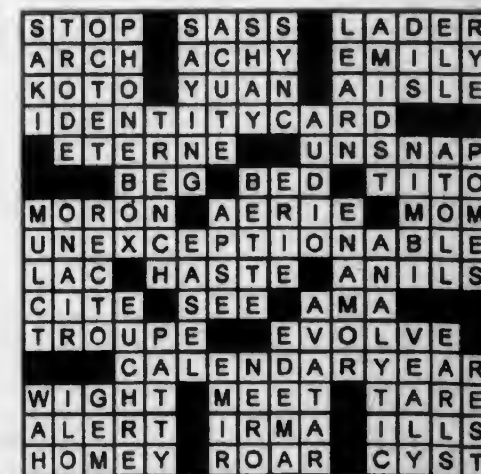
- or covering of certain seeds
44. ___ Walla, Washington
45. Johnny Depp movie, the ___ Bride
47. For homework, read ch ___ six
48. A sacred poem or hymn
51. ___ible towel
53. Custard filled pastries
56. "My father made him an ___ he couldn't refuse."
60. Asylum provided by one nation to refugees
64. Formal high school dance
65. The true skin, consisting of the dermis and the epidermis

66. Danity ___
67. Poisonous evergreen trees
68. An ant
69. Abbrev. for engineer

Down

1. "It's ___ to be square."
2. A pygmy buffalo
3. "Not a creature was ___ing, not even a mouse."
4. Transports water to a fire
5. "Someone's in the kitchen with ___"
6. Snake responsible for Cleopatra's death
7. Recycle, reduce and re ___
8. Sally Field's flying companions
9. Subtle behavior cues in poker
10. Obese persons
11. ___dontists, masters of braces
12. More or less vertical
13. "Will you ___ me?"
18. A strong forward flow
19. John Montagu, the fourth ___ of Sandwich
23. The inner slope or wall of the ditch surrounding a rampart
24. A person who is devoted to love and lovemaking
26. An agreement or covenant
27. A picture, image or other representation
28. Rhythmic swing or cadence
29. "___ me," way to increase friends on Facebook
31. Clement ___, former Prime Minister of the U.K.
32. Robert E. ___
35. Untanned skin of an animal
36. A small island
37. Title of emperors who ruled Russia before 1917
39. Body part used to hear
40. Snow White's small companions
41. A short sleep in the afternoon
45. Judge Judy presides over small ___ court.
46. To leave out
48. Adjective describing cheerleaders
49. To make points in sports
50. To give permission to
52. To cook by direct exposure to heat
54. White or fried Chinese food side dish
55. Pond topping
57. A bag-shaped fish trap
58. Impetuous ardor
59. Dash; impetuous ardor
61. Box where cash can be obtained with a debit card
62. Cause for Pinocchio's nose growth
63. ___lin, the wizard

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



How well do you know...

Groundhog Day

1. What is Bill Murray's occupation?
 - a. producer
 - b. meteorologist
 - c. cameraman
 - d. groundhog handler
2. What instrument does he learn to play?
 - a. piano
 - b. violin
 - c. drums
 - d. guitar
3. What song plays on the radio each morning at 6 a.m.?"
 - a. "Eye of the Tiger"
 - b. "I Will Survive"
 - c. "I've Got You Babe"
 - d. "Candy Shop"
4. What causes the crew to stay in Punxsutawney?
 - a. car trouble
 - b. groundhog fever
 - c. terrorism
 - d. a blizzard

Answers: 1. b 2. a 3. c 4. d

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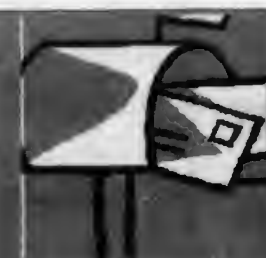
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Bill Murray tries unsuccessfully to woo his coworker Rita in the 1993 movie Groundhog Day.

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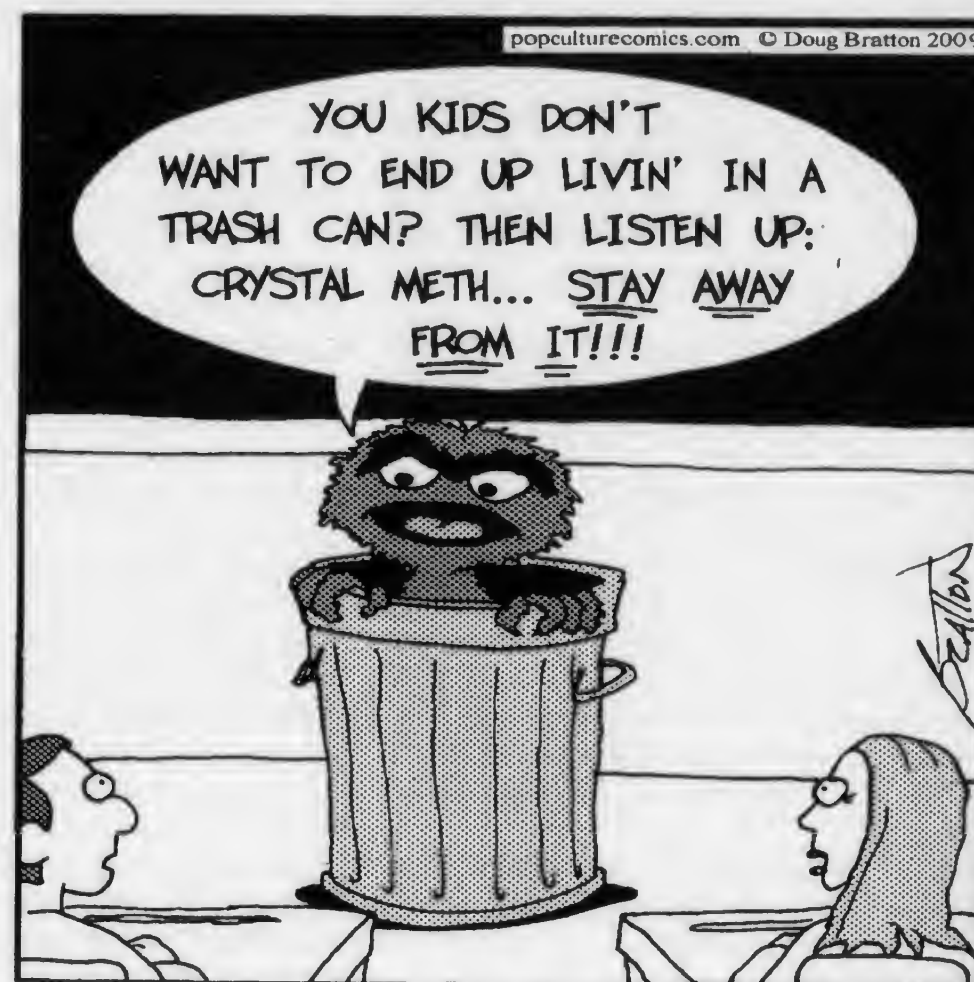
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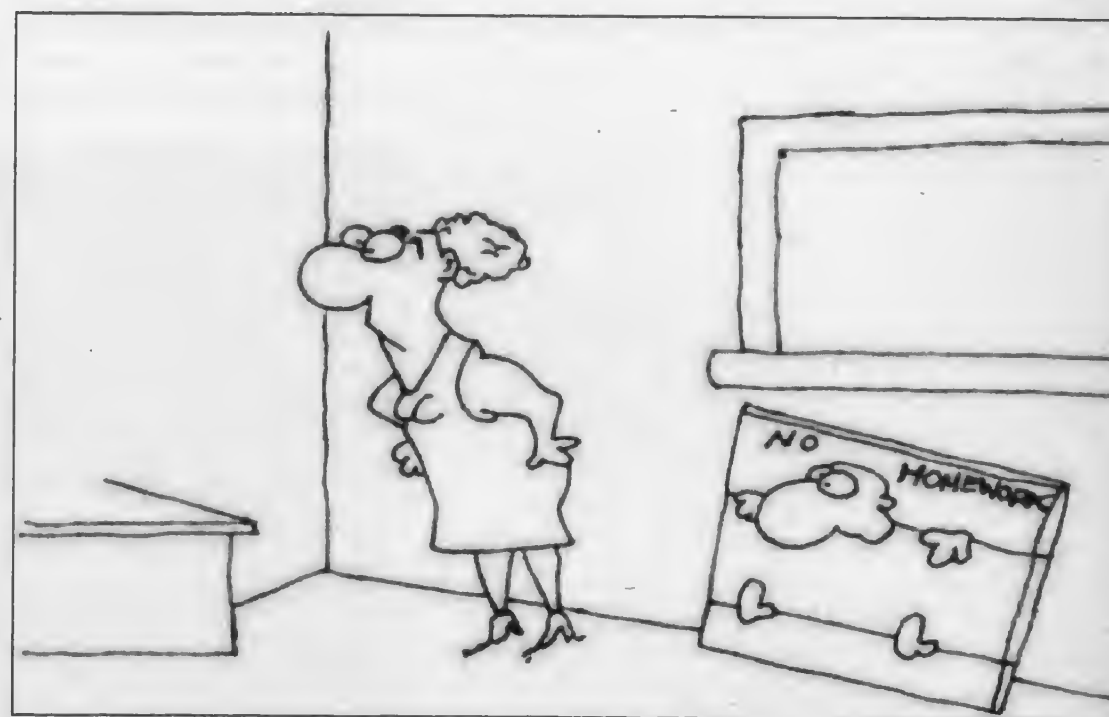
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Flashlight Comics



Sesame Street Drug Education

The newest comic from student cartoonist Brianna DeLuca



The original "Lockdown Drill"

"No!" What does this word mean? Webster states that it is a "denial or a refusal." Society seems to insist on adding stipulations to the word "She said 'no,' but her body said 'yes.'" "She said she wanted to go home, but I just spent a lot of money on her. She owes me something." Anytime someone is being forced, manipulated, pressured or threatened to have sex and they don't really want to, it is rape! It is not the victim's fault if they are raped, even if they dressed a certain way or accepted expensive gifts. **NO MEANS NO!** If you know you have been raped or feel as if you might have been raped please call (570) 724-3549 or 1-800-550-0647 or speak with an advocate.

Men's basketball picks up PSAC East wins against ESU and Millersville

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

The men's basketball team picked up two PSAC East wins against East Stroudsburg University (ESU) and Millersville University this past week, bringing their conference record to 4-2.

The Mountaineers defeated ESU 80-75 on Thursday, Jan. 28 in Decker Gymnasium – a game that knocked the Warriors out of their first place spot in the PSAC East.

"I felt that we accomplished some good things against East Stroudsburg," head coach Rich Miller said. "We had a couple of turnovers and we missed some open shots, but overall I felt we played a good game."

ESU got the tip-off, but it was the Mountaineers who would maintain the lead the entire game. Junior Chris Pender started the scoring off for Mansfield with a three-pointer, his first of four that night.

The Mountaineers held a 7-2 lead until the Warriors started into a full court press five minutes into the first half. They would maintain the press for the rest of game.

"East Stroudsburg is a team that likes to use the full court press a lot, but we came prepared to face it," Miller said. "There's always room for improvement, but I think we did a decent job handling it. We had been working on the press during practice and had some experience offsetting it when we played West Chester, so while it may not have been perfect, it was still pretty good."

Mansfield shot 100 percent from the free throw line in the first 20 minutes of play and went into the locker rooms with a 41-33 lead after senior captain Chris Greene ended the half with a breakaway layup.

The Mountaineers continued to battle the press going into the second half. Freshman Tony Fannick started things out with a layup off of a long pass from Greene to break the press. Fannick was fouled going to the basket and made the foul shot that followed, bringing the score differential into double digits.

ESU started to chip away at Mansfield's lead, however, and brought the scoring deficit to within two points after a pair of free throws from ESU's Chris Bach with 12:19 left in the game.

"Defensively, we did a decent job but it was not one of our best games," Miller said. "East Stroudsburg was able to create some offense from their defense, but we weren't able to do the same late in the game. I would have liked to have pressured them more, especially against Chris Bach under the basket, so I think that may have been one of the reasons they were able to bring it to within two points."

The Warriors brought the game to within two again after a layup from ESU's Mike DeMarco with 35 seconds left, but the Warriors wouldn't be able to take away Mansfield's lead. Junior Ryan Callahan made two pairs of free throws to finish out the game and the Mountaineers ended the night winning 80-75.

Fannick held a game-high 22 points on the night with nine rebounds and six assists while Pender followed closely behind with 19 points and two assists. Sophomore Yuseff Carr contributed with 14 points, despite playing only 18 minutes due to foul trouble, Callahan had 13 points, going 8-8 in free throw shots, and Corey Boone had a big defensive night off the bench with four blocked shots and four rebounds.

"Corey may not score the most points off the bench, but he's a big asset on defense," Miller said. "He takes care of the ball, makes good passes and puts himself in good defensive position to block shots. Brandon Smith played a good game as well off the bench. He plays hard every minute he's out there and he made a couple of good plays that night."

Mansfield's next game the following Saturday, Jan. 31, resulted in a 63-59 win over Millersville University. The game marked the first time since the 2003-04 season that the Mountaineers defeated the Marauders at Pucillo Gymnasium.

Millersville started the game with the lead, but the Mountaineers tied things up 10-10 a little less than seven minutes into the half off of a three-pointer from Greene. The scoring differential would remain within five points for the rest of the half and Mansfield trailed 30-25 at the halftime buzzer.

"We didn't get into any flow on offense in the first half," Miller said. "It wasn't until late in the game that we scored on back-to-back possessions. In the first half, we'd go down the court and make a shot. Then the next possession, we'd go down the court and turn it over. Millersville is really good at controlling the tempo of the game and we let that dictate how we played by allowing them to slow down the intensity and set up at their end of the court."

The Marauders continued to lead, but the Mountaineers slowly chipped away at the score until Fannick tied the game at 55-55 with 2:20 remaining in the game. His foul shot that followed gave Mansfield its first lead since the first half. The Marauders retaliated with four points, but the collective efforts of Carr, Greene and Pender in the final minute gave Mansfield the come-from-behind 63-59 win.

"Down the stretch we were down by nine with about five minutes to go and we were able to stop some scores and execute better on offense," Miller said. "We called out a few sets at the end and we executed our last four or five possessions perfectly. We showed a lot of maturity in those final minutes, especially from guys like Greene and Pender. Greene is like an extension of the coach out there - he communicates well defensively and doesn't make stupid turnovers on offense. Pender is the same way. They're both experienced players who handled the pressure well."

Fannick earned a game-high 18 points and 10 rebounds against Millersville – his second double-double of the season.

Fannick was named PSAC East Freshman of the Week for the third time this season for his efforts against ESU and Millersville. He averaged 20 points per game (ppg) and 9.5 rebounds during the two games, shooting 60 percent from the floor and topping everything off with 11 assists.

For the season, he averages 10.2 ppg and 5.3 rebounds and is ranked second on the team with 49 assists.



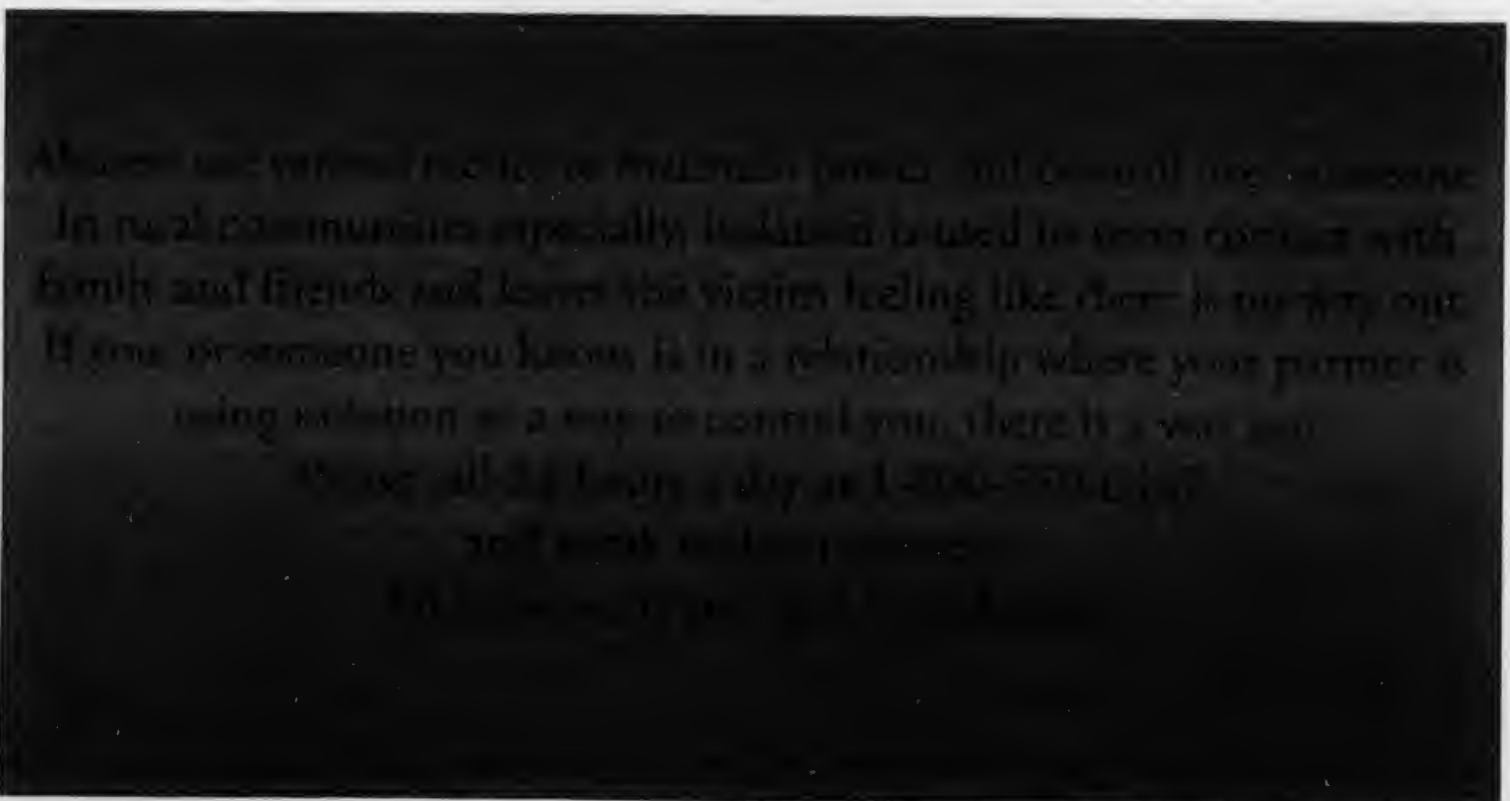
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Chris Pender put up 19 points and dished out two assists against ESU before heading to Millersville where he added with nine points and two assists. His final point of the game against Millersville capped off their fourth conference win this season.

"Fannick was another one of the guys who was poised and made a difference when we were behind," Miller said. "Even as a freshman, he shows a lot of maturity on the court."

Carr just missed out on a double-double against Millersville with 16 points and nine rebounds while Pender concluded the game with nine points and two assists. Callahan contributed with seven points and seven assists.

The men's next game is against Bloomsburg University on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium.



Women's Basketball team picks up ninth consecutive loss

By ANINE STANLEY

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield women's basketball team suffered back-to-back losses to East Stroudsburg University and Millersville University this past week, giving them their ninth consecutive loss since Jan. 7.

The team lost to East Stroudsburg University (ESU) first on Thursday night in Decker gymnasium, falling short in the final seconds to end the game 49-47.

The Mountaineer women led the scoreless Warriors for the first four minutes of the game, taking an early 9-0 lead. They kept the advantage all the way through the first 20 minutes of play and went into the locker room at halftime with a score of 24-23.

"Overall, we had an excellent defensive night," head coach Ruth Hermansen said. "We held their leading scorer, who normally averages 23.5 points, to only 15 and we held their second leading scorer to zero. It had a lot to do with our communication and intensity on defense. No one was letting people get easy lanes to the bucket or expected someone else to pick up their girl."

Freshman guard Nicole Pender extended the lead to 31-26 with a three point shot minutes into the second half. However, as the women carried on throughout the game, ESU gradually made a comeback, passing the mountaineers 36-35 off of a jumper from Warrior center Alexa Detzi.

"We had 24 turnovers that night and we were called for travels a minimum of 10 times," Hermansen said. "Against Millersville we had zero travels called – but in this particular game, we happened to get a lot of calls against us."

ESU led by as many as six points at the 2:37 mark, making the score 45-39, before Mansfield went on an 8-2 scoring run. The game was tied 47-47 with 29 seconds remaining in the game after Mallory Moore hit a jumper, but an offensive rebound and put-back from ESU's Jackie Yandrisevits with three seconds left sealed their fate.

Yandrisevits led the Warriors Thursday night with 15 points and a game high 12 rebounds.

On the Mansfield bench, Pender led the team by scoring 16 points, pulling down six rebounds and dishing out four assists. Senior Courtney Brooks and freshman Rebecca Pollack also contributed to the scoreboard, putting up seven points each. Senior Clarissa Correll scored nine.

"Nicole Pender had the best game of her career against

East Stroudsburg," Hermansen said. "She shot 50% from the field and was 100% from the free throw line. As a redshirted freshman, she had an exceptionally good game."

This game marked the second two-point loss for Mansfield this season.

Mansfield then traveled to Millersville University on Saturday, Jan. 31 where they suffered a 58-26 loss to the Marauders.

Missing the first fourteen shots in the game, the Mountaineer women were held scoreless for almost the first nine minutes of the play. Pollack woke up the sleeping mountaineers with a pair of free throws at the 11:13 mark in the first half, but the team trailed by 15 points with a score of 27-12 after the first half buzzer sounded.

The Mountaineers managed to shoot only 15% from the floor during the first 20 minutes of play and were 0-5 from the three-point arc.

"I have to give some credit to Millersville's defense," Hermansen said. "They have the best defensive field goal percentage in the league and our forwards were up against some strong defenders. We tried to take some threes when we should have passed underneath and when we did pass underneath, we had trouble finishing our shots. It's something we'll work on in the games to come."

The second half wasn't much better, with the Mountaineers shooting 19% from the floor and managing only 1-7 three-pointers. The team scored a total of 14 points in the second half and 12 in the first to construct the 58-26 loss. These 26 points were the fewest points scored by a Mansfield team in a game since 1976.

"I think these losses sometimes weigh on the girls, but the thing I'm really proud of is how they consistently battle back no matter what happened in the previous game," Hermansen said. "Clarissa Correll says at practice that now 'we have unfinished business' and that we can be the spoilers in the games when we have rematches against the top seeded teams. That's how it is with this team – anytime we face adversity, we bounce back."

Tegan Atallah was the highest scorer for Mansfield with eight points – producing on all four of her shots from the floor – but no one else from the team scored more than four points on the night.

"The game was rough and physical. We didn't play to the

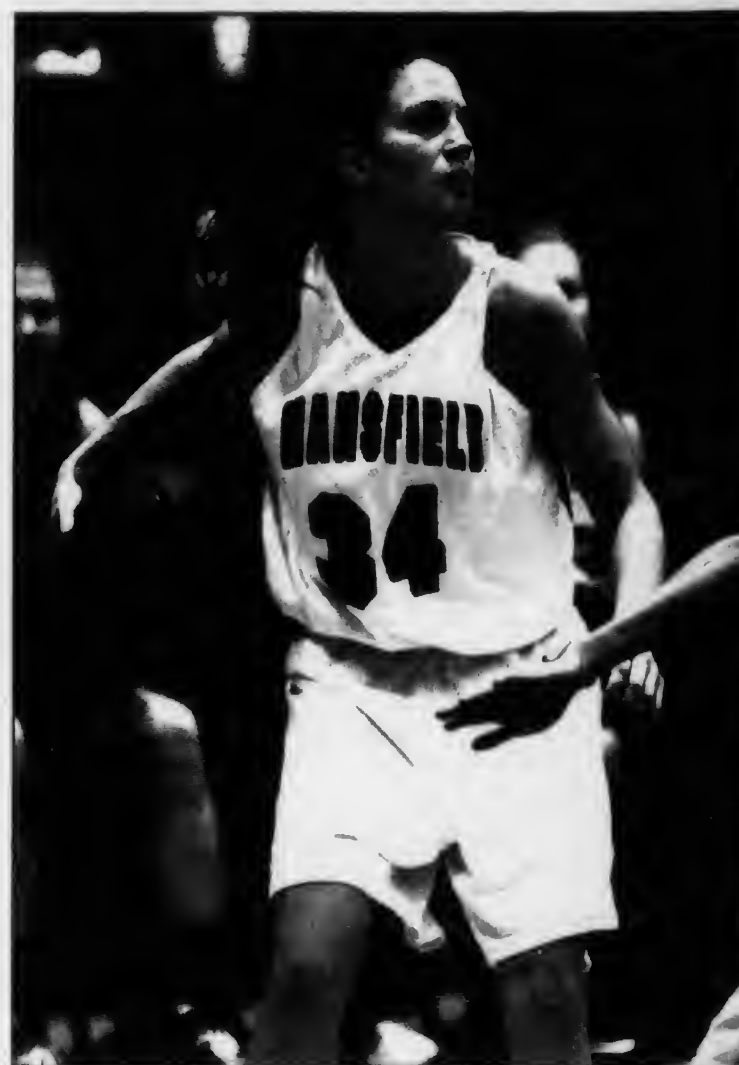


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Senior Clarissa Correll put up nine points against East Stroudsburg University on Thursday, Jan. 29. Her efforts on defense kept ESU's leading scoring to 15 points on the night.

best of our abilities but we know that on Monday we have to come ready to work," Atallah said.

"We've learned from the Millersville game that we have to play more as a team," Hermansen said. "At Millersville we panicked and each girl tried to take things into her own hands and we weren't successful on offense. We know now that if we're going to be successful, we have to do it together."

Mansfield's next game is against Bloomsburg University on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium.

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Swimmers earn personal bests at final swim meet

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Editor

The Mansfield swim team celebrated four first place finishes in their final swim meet of the season, despite losing to East Stroudsburg University 133-87 on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Senior Tricia Learn earned three of those four wins, capping off the final swim meet of her collegiate career.

"I know I shouldn't have been thinking about it because I still have to compete at PSACs, but the idea that it was my last college meet was still in the back of my mind," Learn said. "I had a really good day though, despite the fact that I hadn't rested the day before. I hit my personal best in the 200 back and was two seconds better in the 200 IM."

Learn earned first place finishes in the 100 backstroke (1:04.01), the 200 backstroke (2:15.00) and the 200 Individual Medley (IM) (2:18.88). Learn was three seconds faster than her closest opponent in the 100 backstroke and 11 seconds faster than her closest opponent in the 200 backstroke.

"The thing about Tricia is that she works hard on the fundamentals and she never takes a day off," head coach Ian Coffey said. "She's a goal-oriented person who's sometimes hard on herself, but when she gets it done, she's all smiles and has fun. She had a personal best in the 200 IM this past weekend, just missing the record by less than a second, and at the rate she's going she's setting herself up for a great championship."

Learn will attempt to place in the 100 yard backstroke, 200 yard backstroke and 200 IM and will participate in four relays when she heads to the PSAC Championships Feb. 19-22 at Cumberland Valley High School.

"My biggest goal is to break the school record in the 200 IM at PSACs," Learn said. "I was .9 seconds off of the school record at East Stroudsburg and it would mean a lot if I was able to reach that accomplishment."

Smickley took home the final first place win of the day for Mansfield with a win in the 1000 freestyle (11:58.39) and added to the team's points with second place finishes in the 500 yard freestyle (5:53.59) and the 200 yard butterfly (2:29.55).

"The simplest way to put it is that Megan is doing awesome this season," Coffey said. "She's been receptive since day one as

to what I've been trying to accomplish and what we're doing as a team and it seems like the sky is the limit for her. She's trained hard this season, has taken chances with some pretty difficult events, and she's gotten her best times without even being rested. By next year, I think she can be PSAC ready – especially since she'll be stepping into a leadership role."

Freshman Christine Gillies contributed during the meet with a second place finish in the 100 yard butterfly (1:10.13), a third place finish in the 200 yard freestyle (2:13.60) and a fourth place finish in the 100 yard freestyle (1:01.51).

"Christine came a little late into the season – around November – because she was on the cross country team, and she's improved a good deal since then," Coffey said. "She's racing better and training harder at this point in the season and she's one of the girls who I believe will improve next year with more people on the team pushing her to excel."

Senior Samantha Kutsel finished out her final meet of her collegiate career with a fifth place finish in the 200 yard freestyle (2:27.05) – 13.45 seconds behind teammate Gillies – and a fourth place finish in the 200 yard breaststroke (3:04.54).

"In the next few weeks we're just going to go over the PSAC stuff with Sam," Coffey said. "We're going to go out there and just do it. It's the last meet of her career and there's no room for coulda-shoulda-woulda's. She has to lay it on the line and attempt her best in every race."

Junior Emily Arnold and freshman Jonna Chilensky rounded out the rest of the individual races for Mansfield. Arnold finished fourth in the 100 yard breaststroke (1:25.41) and third in the 50 yard freestyle (32.31) while Chilensky finished fourth behind her in the 50 yard freestyle (37.81) and fifth in both the 100 yard backstroke (1:32.51) and the 100 yard freestyle (1:23.21).

"Overall, we did well against East Stroudsburg," Coffey said. "There were a lot of personal bests, including Megan who had three in the 1000 freestyle, 500 freestyle and 200 fly, and we swam well against a bigger team that had some good swimmers. It was a good experience for the girls."

The relay teams also experienced success on Saturday.



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Megan Smickley earned personal best times in the 1000 yard freestyle, 500 yard freestyle and 200 yard butterfly during her meet against East Stroudsburg University. She will join the relay teams when Mansfield heads to PSACs in February.

Learn, Kutsel, Arnold and Chilensky earned a first place finish in the 400 yard medley relay with a time of 5:03.76 while Smickley, Gillies, Arnold and Kutsel earned a first place finish in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:02.03.

Smickley, Gillies, Kutsel and Brenae Edwards will join Learn at PSACs in two weeks to do time trials and participate in the relay events.

"Our goal right now is to get the girls ready so that they can go all four days at PSACs and be as strong on the last day as they were on the first," Coffey said. "They'll all start tapering individually based on their events and as a team we're moving from our 'competition – phase 2' to our 'championship phase' in training. Even though Tricia is the only one swimming individual events, the rest of the team will do the time trials at the end of the meet to see what they can do when they're fully rested and get an idea of what they have to look forward to at the start of next season."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION
Erica Ferguson placed 26 in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.75.

Freshmen dominate at Bucknell's Bison Open

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Copy Editor

Three Mansfield University freshmen track and field athletes placed third in the Bison Open and Multi at Bucknell University on Jan. 30-31.

Henry Potter, Nathan McNabb and Justen Johnson all placed third in their respective events. Potter participated in the men's 500 meter where he earned a time of 1:08.87. McNabb participated in the men's one mile run where he earned a personal best time of 4:21.88. Johnson participated in the men's triple jump where he earned a distance of 43-04.50.

"Most teams from the PSACs were there," Johnson said. "We competed against Division I teams such as St. Francis, who took several first places."

Another Mansfield athlete who placed in the top 10 was freshman Josh Bucior, who placed eighth in the men's 60 meter dash (7.22).

"You set high standards for yourself, work hard to increase your time and aim to break records," Bucior said. "You have to be patient."

Sophomore Sean Vollenweider placed ninth in the men's one mile run behind McNabb (4:29.52) and sophomore Brenae Edwards placed seventh in the women's 3000 meter run with a time of 10:39.11.

Bucior is a two-sport athlete. He played for Mansfield's sprint

football team before joining the track and field team.

"Sprint kept me in good shape," Bucior said. "But coming into track, the team invited me in right away. It's different though. Football is high contact and keeps you on edge where track is calmer and more laid-back."

Johnson and Bucior discussed the difference between high school and college track and field. "I feel a lot more experienced than I did in high school," Bucior said. Johnson agreed with the assessment. "You become more responsible," Johnson said. "In high school you look up to your coach to achieve your goals, but in college you work with your coach," Johnson said.

Bucior placed 29 in the men's 200 meter dash (23.75) and Johnson placed 25 in the men's 400 meter dash (54.32) for the men's team and freshman Craig Barber recorded a personal best by nine inches in the men's pole vault (13-09.25), earning him 11 place.

For the women's team, notable finishes included sophomore Abbie Waltz who placed 16 in the women's 60 meter hurdles (10.25), sophomore Jenelle Toter who placed 23 in the women's 60 meter dash (8.42) and freshman Carly Klinger who placed 3 spots behind Toter in the 60 meter dash (8.51) and placed 23 in the women's 200 meter dash.

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Pittsburgh Steelers become winningest team in NFL history

By JOE CARREON

Special to the Flashlight

Super Bowl XLIII is over and the up-and-coming Arizona Cardinals have fallen to the winningest franchise in NFL history – the six-time Super Bowl title-holding Pittsburgh Steelers. While the history of the two franchises seemed mismatched, the ending score of 27-23 tells a different story.

Arizona won the toss but deferred the ball to the Steelers. This immediately proved to be a mistake. Pittsburgh came out firing with a huge 27 yard pass play to injured wide receiver Hines Ward. The Steelers made it into the red zone on their opening possession where Pittsburgh's Quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, scored the first touchdown of the game. The ruling was overturned, however, on a challenge from the Cardinals. It was ruled that Roethlisberger had his knee down on the one yard line before he was in. The play was a mirror image of a scoring play from Super Bowl XL – except this time it was rightfully overturned.

Pittsburgh scored the first points of the game taking a 3-0 lead when kicker Jeff Reed made a field goal from 18 yards out.

Pittsburgh had possession of the ball into the second quarter and immediately built onto their lead with a Gary Russell one yard rush for a touchdown.

Arizona responded in the second quarter with their first touchdown pass from Kurt Warner to tight end Ben Patrick.

After Roethlisberger threw an interception, the Cardinals got the ball back just before the two minute warning and drove deep into Pittsburgh territory. Pittsburgh linebacker and defensive Player of the Year, James Harrison, made a spectacular play, intercepting Warner's pass and returning it 100 yards for a touchdown. Harrison's run is the longest play in Super Bowl history.

Pittsburgh scored a field goal in the third quarter to take a 20-7 lead, but Arizona got the ball back and decided that it was time to start playing. In the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, the Cardinals drove down the field and scored on a one yard pass play from Warner to wide receiver Larry

Fitzgerald.

The Steelers got the ball back but were deep in their own territory. It looked like they would escape, but a holding penalty in the end zone resulted in a safety for the Cardinals. With Arizona still in possession after the safety and the score now 20-16, they realized that they had a chance. On just the second play of the drive, on a pass from Warner, Fitzgerald broke loose and outran Pittsburgh safeties to go 64 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. It was a remarkable comeback after being down thirteen in the third quarter.

The stage was now set. Could Roethlisberger, who has 17 game winning drives in his career, bring his team back in the biggest game of his career? And so it started like we have heard so often. Pittsburgh had the ball on their own 22 yard line with 2:30 left to go in Super Bowl XLIII. It didn't look good after a holding call was made on lineman Chris Kemoeatu for a loss of ten in the opening drive, but after the two minute warning, Pittsburgh took control. One of the biggest plays of the game came on a pass play from Roethlisberger to receiver Santonio Holmes for a gain of 64 yards, bringing the ball to the Arizona six yard line. After an incompleteness on a pass to Holmes, Roethlisberger called his number again and this time the pair hooked up for the game winning touchdown.

The play was reviewed by the booth because it was not clear whether Holmes caught the ball with both feet in-bounds, but the call was upheld. With the extra point good by Reed, It was now a 27-23 lead with 35 seconds left in the fourth.

Knowing that they would have to drive the length of the field and score a touchdown, the Cardinals made two quick completions driving to their own 44 yard line. Warner dropped back to attempt a pass but Pittsburgh linebacker Lamarr Woodley forced Warner to fumble and Pittsburgh recovered with five seconds left.

There was controversy as to whether Warner's arm was coming forward when the ball was loose. Mike Periera, The NFL's head of officiating confirmed that it was a fumble.

Pittsburgh came out on top and like so many times before during the regular season, it was a game winning drive that won the game for the now six-time Super Bowl champion Steelers. Mike Tomlin, second year coach of the Steelers, is the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl.

"We don't blink in the face of adversity," Tomlin Said. "Steelers football is sixty minutes and we throw style points out the window."

Santonio Holmes was named the



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Arizona running back, Larry Fitzgerald, scored a 64 yard touchdown in the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLIII to give the Cardinals a brief 23-20 lead with 2:30 remaining. Fitzgerald ends his season ranked number one in post-season receiving yards (546) under his number one ranked quarterback who threw for a total of 1147 passing yards.

Super Bowl MVP.

"I wanted to be the player to make the big play," Holmes said. "I missed the first chance I had and I had to make up for it."

Roethlisberger praised his offensive line who had come under question throughout the season but drastically improved in the winter months.

"They protected me so well," Roethlisberger said. "I learned that anything is possible."

Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt described a mixture of feelings after the loss.

"There's nothing you can do or say to make your team feel



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Santonio Holmes was named Super Bowl XLIII MVP after scoring the winning touchdown for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Holmes ends his season ranked second below Fitzgerald in post season receiving yards (226).

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(27.66). Junior Erica Ferguson also joined Toter in the women's 200 meter dash placing 26 (27.75) and 32 (28.22) respectively.

Sophomore Irene Primmer, freshman Brooke McDaniel, Waltz and freshman Megan Savioli capped things off for the women's team. Primmer placed 18 in the women's one mile run (5:36.70) and McDaniel placed 12 in the women's 800 meter run while Waltz and freshman Megan Savioli placed 13 (1:02.80) and 21 (1:04.35) respectively in the women's 400 meter dash.

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Jarrell Hill beats Dan Hogan in collegiate boxing match

By DANELLE MILLER

Flashlight Copy Editor

Jarrell Hill (136 pounds) of Mansfield University defeated Army's Dan Hogan Saturday at Shippensburg University's boxing match.

During the match, Hill was barely touched.

"I don't think Dan hit him more than three or four times," head coach Richard Gillespie said. "It was a perfect match and the most magnificent fight I've ever seen in collegiate boxing. It was the fastest I've ever seen Jarrell box."

Hill danced around Hogan, delivering jabs and right crosses to the head before Hogan could deliver a hit.

"Dan was a pressure fighter, but I moved in the ring a lot better than in previous years" Hill said. "I worked the jab and kept my distance, which I think helped me win the fight."

After the fight, it was apparent that Hogan suffered from injuries.

"At the end of the match the doctor had to put things in Dan's nose because he was bleeding," Gillespie said. "You could see Dan's face was bruised where Jarrell hit him."

Hill isn't taking things lightly this season, adopting a vigorous training routine.

"I run everyday," Hill said. "Last year I trained by myself because I was in Sayre. Now I go to Elmira Boxing Club during the week and work with trainers. On the weekends I work with Kyle Smith, who helps me train. I take one day off a week."

Mansfield also sent a second boxer to Shippensburg; Zach

Perchinski (195 pounds). Perchinski lost to Brian White of West Virginia University in a split decision 2-1. This was Perchinski's first fight. "For his first fight he did well," Gillespie said. "He has talent and guts."

"We were equal," Perchinski said. "He'd throw a punch and I'd block, then someone would hit the other's face and the crowd would 'Oooh.' All the hits that came in between probably are what decided the match. Brian had the first round. He sent more punches than I did. I did better in the second because I was more aggressive, but in the third he managed to get points. Now I know what I need to work on, more on the basics on defense and combos on punching."

Hill commented on Perchinski's first fight.

"He fought well for his first fight," Hill said. "He could've been faster and more direct, but Zach's more of a knockout fighter. He has power like a 250 pound guy. When he hits his opponents he dazes them. Either Zach doesn't realize he dazes them or is too slow to react to be able to capitalize on the hit. On Sunday I gave Zach encouragement and told him what he could do at his next fight. I tried to emphasize that losing the fight is minimal if you learn from it. The main thing is you learn from experience."

Even though only two boxers from Mansfield competed, the team took others to watch the match. Boxers who attended were Kyle Smith, Kenny Burt, Horace Johnson, Ray Velez, Nathan Eilenfeldt and Will Brown.

The team will travel to Army on Feb. 7 with two boxers predicted to attend; Hill and Eilenfeldt (147 pounds).



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Jarrell Hill dominated Dan Hogan at Shippensburg University on Saturday, Jan. 31 - a match that emphasized the effects of his new, more intense training routine.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 5	6 - Track & Field @ the Milrose Games in NYC	7 - Women's Basketball @ Shippensburg University, 1 p.m. - Men's Basketball @ Shippensburg University, 3 p.m. - Track & Field @ the Milrose Games in NYC - Boxing @ Army	8	9	10	11 - Women's Basketball vs. Kutztown University, 5:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball vs. Kutztown University, 7:30 p.m.
12	13	14 - Women's Basketball vs. Cheyney University, 1 p.m. - Men's Basketball vs. Cheyney University, 3 p.m. - Track & Field @ CTC Indoor Championships, New Haven, CT - Boxing @ Lock Haven	15 - Track & Field @ CTC Indoor Championships, New Haven, CT	16	17	18 - Women's Basketball @ East Stroudsburg University, 6 p.m. - Men's Basketball @ East Stroudsburg University, 8 p.m.

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President Loeschke addresses campus about state of the economy and what that means for the university

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Editor

President Loeschke addressed Mansfield University's campus on Monday Feb. 9 on issues including the state budget, scholarship money and all of their effects on the university.

Mike Reid, the Vice President of Finance and Administration, opened up the address with an overview of the economy and its effect on Mansfield University. He noted that retention rates are up and enrollment is higher, but unfortunately interest earnings are down. "Things aren't going to get easier, but not worse either," Reid said.

Mansfield has also doubled the money for capital funding. Building projects that are ready to start will be able to get started early. The tearing down and rebuilding of Allen Hall is set to start in July of 2009.

Reid also addressed the four and a half percent of funding that was cut from the university's budget last year. Administration is hoping that it will be given back to the school for this coming year.

Loeschke started her address by explaining what the university would do if the economy got worse, and if unexpected funding had to be cut. The first plan was to make sure that the students would be able to continue to return to school, and that the university can make sure that they would be able to afford to return. The second plan was to keep all jobs. So far the university has not had to make any job cuts, and they would like to keep it that way.

"I feel strongly that in times like these, the administration should feel the pain first," Loeschke said. Therefore the positions of the Vice President of Advancement, the secretary position and the new marketing position are being cut and not being filled anytime soon. Eighty percent of university costs are in personnel.

"Stress is high, morale is low on campus and all over the country. Businesses are cutting back, and more and more parents cannot afford to give their children a higher education....Yes, we do not have enough faculty, yes, we do not have enough staff, not enough money to support international programs or scholarships or nearly anything that we feel that can deliver the type of education we want to deliver, but I say, so what?," Loeschke said. "We don't have enough resources and still students continue to come to us and

trust their futures in us. We will persevere. We will always persevere because the majority of us love what we do."

"We have a job and work to do here and that is a critical component. I would very much appreciate it during these tough times if you could refrain from saying 'I need a new position, I need more help from people,' Loeschke said. "There is nothing that can be done with it now; there will be no new positions put into place when there may be cutting. We will take vacant new positions and split them up however."

If the economy takes a severe drop the university will need to look into new options. Loeschke believes that it isn't time for that yet, however, the university should still be prepared.

There is joyful news though. The governor of Pennsylvania is trying to get a new budget for the state school passed, plus get the four and a half percent cut restored. "If is budget is passed, and our enrollment is up and our retention is good, then we will be okay," Loeschke said.

Loeschke urged staff and faculty to send e-mails to Senator Specter and tell him how much the university needs this money and that it deals with their futures.

The administration from the 5 floor of North Hall will be moved over to Alumni in order to have more traffic going around. Alumni Hall was chosen because the career center, the alumni center and the leadership institute will all be together and they can work together.

Loeschke has been working on projects in the past six weeks. She has made 25 visits to talk to people to try to accomplish this. One of the projects that she is working on is getting Steinway pianos in the music department. "It is a mark of every music department in the country," Loeschke said. Steinway advertises the school in return and it helps recruit the types of students the university gets.

Another project is getting scholarships for sophomores. Many sophomores have been leaving school because all of the money they received as freshmen was no longer available to them.

She has been working with Steve McCloskey with athletic scholarships to keep athletic students in school because as of lately the sports scholarships have been dwindling.

A new feature to campus will be a walkway with flying flags; each flag representing the countries of



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Loeschke spoke to staff, faculty and students about what the university was doing for themselves and the students during the weak economy.

the foreign students that are at Mansfield. Each flag will cost 5 thousand dollars, with half of that money going to sophomore scholarships. Anyone is encouraged to donate a flag. People who decide to donate will get a plaque in their name.

The last project is to renovate the town for college students. This will include a bookstore, a movie theatre, a miniature golf course and a roller rink.

Loeschke added that out of the 25 visits she has made, only one person has said no to her. She said it was because we have a well earned reputation for doing something important for people. Even in difficult times, people have stepped up to the plate.

A few things that Loeschke praised included the new sprint football team which has circulated a lot of excitement. The Mansfield sprint football team has been invited to play in the army bowl.

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Today's Weather Rain/Snow Showers



High- 38°F
Overnight Low- 22°F

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Weekly
Weather

TODAY

Rain/Snow-
showers

High: 38 Low: 22

FRIDAY

Partly
Cloudy

High: 33 Low: 19

SATURDAY

Few Show-
ers

High: 31 Low: 17

SUNDAY

Mostly
Sunny

High: 29 Low: 18

MONDAY

a.m. Sun
p.m.
clouds

High: 29 Low: 16

TUESDAY

Mostly
Sunny

High: 27 Low: 15

WEDNESDAY

Snow
showers

High: 26 Low: 16

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-The Mountaineer baseball program will host the Preseason Skills, Players and Coaches Little League and Junior League Day Clinic on Feb. 15 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. All sessions will be held in Decker Gymnasium. All sessions will be under the direction of Mansfield University head baseball coach Harry Hillson with youth skills development sessions supervised by the Mountaineer baseball coaching staff and players. The players sessions run the length of the clinic and are designed for the needs of players by age group including: Tee Ball players ages 5 and under, Little League ages 6-12 and Junior League ages 13-14 and their coaches. Everyone will receive hands-on instruction in fundamental baseball skills with breakout sessions for both players and coaches. The coach's clinic features the entire mountaineer baseball staff including pitching coach Chris Francis and assistant coach Casey Baker, a former player in the Yankees, Padres and Indians organizations. Wellsboro High School Coach, and former player in the Cubs organization, Matt Perry will host a pitching session. The cost of the Preseason Skills Clinic is \$20 per player and \$5 per coach and or parent. Team rates are available. Players are invited to stay for the afternoon hitting session from 2-5p.m. for an additional \$35. You can find out more about the clinics as well as register on-line by visiting the Mansfield University baseball web site at www.GoMounties.com or calling Harry Hillson at (570) 662-4457.

-Southern Tioga Little League Softball Open Workouts will begin Tuesday Feb. 10. The program will run every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6-8 p.m. at the Warren L. Miller Elementary School in Mansfield. This program is open to girls ages 8-14 who have signed up to play softball in the Southern Tioga Little League. Please contact Mita McClure at (570) 419-3547, mimclure16933@yahoo.com for more information. Adults interested in volunteering must complete a copy of the 2009 Little League Volunteer Application.

-Paid Internship in Harrisburg - Fall 2009 - Work with state agency or legislators and receive stipend roughly equivalent to a semester's tuition, room and board -- plus gain valuable experience and contacts. Must be a junior or senior with a GPA of 3.0 or better. For more information contact Dr. Lee Wright x 4787 or come to 309 Hemlock. Applications are due Feb. 16.

Police Beat

Jan. 26 - Three vehicles parked in C- Lot were found to have deflated tires. The tires were deflated as a result of their side wall being punctured.

Jan. 26 -A water leak was reported on the third floor of Cedarcrest B side. Water originating from the men's bathrooms from the 3 floor leaked into the hallway causing damage to three floors. Water leaked into rooms and damaged ceiling tiles on first and second floor. Personal and other university property was also reported damaged.

Feb. 6 - Kylene Reeves, 19 and Ashley King, 19 were observed by police lying on the South Academy Sidewalk. Both were issued citations for underage drinking and referred to campus judicial.

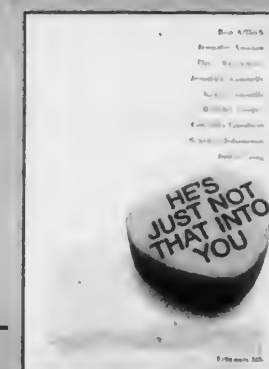
Entertainment Corner



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Hot R&B/HipHop Songs:

- 1.) Beyoncé - Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)
- 2.) Ne-Yo featuring Jamie Foxx & Fabolous - She Got Her Own
- 3.) Beyoncé - Diva
- 4.) Kanye West - Heartless
- 5.) Jim Jones & Ron Browz featuring Juelz Santana - Pop Champagne



Hot Movies:

Courtesy of imdb.com

- 1.) He's Just Not That Into You - PG-13, Ben Affleck
- 2.) Taken - PG-13, Liam Neeson
- 3.) Coraline - PG, Dakota Fanning
- 4.) The Pink Panther 2 - PG, Steve Martin
- 5.) Paul Blart: Mall Cop - PG, Kevin James



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Preacher Moss turns serious issues into fun comedy

By SIMONE GARLINGTON

Special to the Flashlight

Preacher Moss came to Mansfield on Thursday Feb. 5 as a part of his "End of Racism" comedy and lecture tour. The event took place at 8:30 p.m. in 307 Alumni Hall.

Preacher Moss was brought to Mansfield by the Black Students Union. Moss has been on CBS Sunday morning, FOX, BET comic view, and has also toured with George Lopez and written for the George Lopez show.

Preacher Moss talked about everything from the weather to the KKK. While being light-hearted he talked about serious situations that plague our society. Precious Grinnage is a junior biology major who attended the event. "I don't think anyone knew what to expect coming to the performance. I was thinking it was going to be more of a boring lecture with facts and statistics. Instead we got a comedy show that talked about the issues. I enjoyed it. It was a great thing to bring to Mansfield," Grinnage said.

Preacher Moss has been doing stand-up comedy since he was 17 years old, but has been doing the "End of Racism" comedy and lecture tour for about 12 years. "It [the comedy and lecture tour] stemmed from me being angry about racism, and then the anger turned into me wanting to be purposeful, so I started doing this," said Moss.

Preacher Moss is not a real preacher, but got the nickname when he was young by doing impersonations of his preacher. "All the shows I do are different. I say the same jokes, but all the audiences are different, so I never get bored doing this," Moss said.

The show lasted about an hour and left people entertained, but also more informed. "I would love to see more performers like Preacher Moss come to Mansfield in the near future. It's nice to have someone talk about a serious and sometimes uncomfortable issue like racism, and make it funny and light. I would definitely come to another performance like this if there are anymore," Grinnage said.

The Black Students Union realized the demand for more performances like this one. "We hope to have a banquet in April with another performer similar to Preacher Moss who talks about diversity," Abigail Glen said, who is the president of the Black Students Union.

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Also there are going to be new renovations of the residence halls. The food in the dining halls is constantly improving, and the number of students involved in Greek life has raised. She also mentioned that the leadership brand that was put into place two years ago was really taking off.

Mansfield is known for leadership not just on campus, but in-state and out-of-state as well. Loeschke said that two universities that she knew about spent over one million dollars trying to get a new brand off the ground, but all it took for Mansfield was a lot of hard work. Last but not least, Loeschke spoke about some rumors that have been circulating on campus. She addressed the audience to not be worried about losing their jobs, even if they've heard differently. Another rumor that was debunked was that all of the assistant coaches were going to be fired.

A rumor that was true was the Loeschke got a pay raise, but it was explained that it was only to bring her to equity with other presidents in the state school system. She was originally hired with a significantly lower pay rate than other presidents. People have asked her to give money to the school now that she's getting paid more, and Loeschke reaffirmed that she is one of the highest donors to the university. She has also established a gift to the university in her will, as well as in her husband's.

"If there was ever a time to pull together as an academic community, a support system, then this is the time," Loeschke said. "This is something we all do very well. You've been doing it way before I even got here. Last time we had to survive because the system was doing us in, but now it is the global economy. We share this with everyone. You have survived, and will survive with patience."

Loeschke ended by leaving the faculty and staff with the question, "How can you help?" She gave the advice to work to address the realities of the campus. Also, remember that just because something was cut, doesn't mean that it wasn't important. Try not to worry the students about lack of resources. It doesn't help with retention and it doesn't help their faith in their education.

"Engage in hope and not fear... Always keep the best interests of our students at the heart of everything we do. Let's try to keep a sense of humor," Loeschke said. "I am always amazed that I get paid to do something so joyful as working with students. I think you're all very fortunate not only to have jobs, but to have these jobs. Please pull together as a family and not lose sight of the important things."

Casino Night gives students a chance to play for money and win big

By BEKA BROWN

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Student Activities Office hosted a casino night in Kelchner Fitness Center on Feb. 5.

The event included tables for black jack, roulette, dice games and poker. An oxygen bar was also featured. Approximately 400 students stopped in between 9 p.m. and 12 a.m. to experience the fantasy casino style atmosphere and work on their chip stacks. Music videos were also played on large projection screens throughout the night.

Lenny Quinn is an employee of the company T John E, which provided the tables and the oxygen bar. Although it was the first time the company had been contracted at Mansfield, he was impressed with the turn out. "The flow of kids that came right off the bat was awesome. They really packed in," Quinn said.

Students received \$50,000 in pretend cash to start the night, but were able to replenish their funds whenever the dealers cleaned out their chips. At the end of the night, participants traded their chips for raffle tickets, which entered them in a drawing for one of more than 20 prizes. The top prizes included a flat screen television and guitar hero games.

Victor Louis is a freshman liberal arts major who had a strategy to win a specific prize. "My friends and I are all putting our tickets together to try to win the TV," Louis said.

Although he tripled his chip stack throughout the night, Louis had mixed feelings about the event. "It was better last semester," Louis said. "They had more tables so you didn't have to wait for anything."

Kristen Waters, a freshman psychology major echoed the same sentiment. "I like how everyone got together and you could meet new people," Waters said. "The oxygen bar was pretty cool too. The only thing I didn't like was that it was really cramped, especially around the food."

Kayla Post, a sophomore German major, found this casino night more enjoyable than previous events she had attended. "Tonight was probably more fun [than other casino nights] because I actually played and learned how to play one of the games," Post said. "I hadn't seen any signs about it [the casino night], but one of my friends mentioned it and I ended up having a lot of fun."

Steve Plesac, the new director of student activities was pleased with the execution of the event. "This was a good opportunity because it combined the atmosphere of a dance club with a casino. It added to the ambiance," Plesac said.

In response to criticism that the event was too small, Plesac explained that he was unsure of what kind of student response to expect. "The only solution is to bring in more tables. We will take this [the student response] into consideration in the future," Plesac said.



PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY

Students got \$50,000 dollars to start the night. They had the chance to win more money by playing and could cash in their winnings for raffles for a chance to win one of many prizes.

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Mansfield University's Jazz Ensemble and the X-Ray big band perform at Steadman

By KEVIN WRIGHT

Flashlight Writer

The X-Ray Big Band and The Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble performed for a crowd of about 100 at Steadman Theater on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The X-ray Big Band is a jazz group of 18 musicians from cities from Elmira to Williamsport.

Ben Delong is a trombone player for X-Ray and the youngest member of the group as a junior at Wellsboro High School. "We practice every two weeks for about two hours, so it's about four hours a month total," Delong said.

Rick Doganiero was in the group when it started six years ago and plays baritone saxophone. "Our first rehearsal had about four people," Doganiero said.

The X-Ray Big Band played the first half of the concert. They started off with the song "Easy Money" by Benny Carter and then moved on to "Ahunk, Ahunk." This song featured tight, what are sometimes called crunchy, chords by the trombone section and a back and forth conversation solo between two saxophone players.

The third selection played by X-Ray was "Begin the Beguine" by Cole Porter. "He wrote it for The Tonight Show Orchestra," Doganiero said.

"When I Fall in Love" followed these pieces and featured Kevin Hoferer on the melody solo for much of the song.

The final two songs played by X-Ray were "Splanky" by Neal Hefti and "High Maintenance" by Gordon Goodwin. In "Splanky", the guest artist Michael Noonan made his first appearance of the night on the vibraphone. He soloed for several minutes with two mallets in each hand.

"I thought Michael Noonan was spectacular," said a

sophomore music major at Mansfield, "He showed what hard work and dedication in the field of music can do for you."

Mansfield's Michael Galloway conducts both X-Ray and the Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble. "I met [Noonan] while I was on sabbatical at the University of North Texas," Galloway said.

After intermission the Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble took the stage. They started off with the piece "Fried Buzzard" by Lou Donaldson then moved to "I Remember Clifford" by Benny Golson. "Fried Buzzard" featured Noonan playing the vibraphone, trombone and piano all during the same song.

Galloway said that "I Remember Clifford" was written by Golson in memory of the well known jazz trumpet player Clifford Brown who was killed in an automobile accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike at the age of 25.

The Jazz Ensemble continued with "Santo Sencillo" which was written by Bob Washut, who was commissioned by Mansfield University to write the piece.

The fourth song performed by the Jazz Ensemble was "Bag's Groove" by Milt Jackson. Galloway said Bags was the nickname of Jackson, who was one of the best vibraphone players in the world. During this piece, Noonan switched on and off on the piano with Mansfield's Kevin Kern.

The Jazz Ensemble finished with the piece "The View from the Villa," which had a drum set solo finish and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Mansfield's next concert will be the Orchestra Concert at 3 p.m. on Feb. 15 at Steadman.



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The Mansfield University Jazz ensemble consists of Mansfield Students and the X-Ray Big Band is made up of 18 musicians including high school students and professors.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
12 -9 a.m. 5 p.m. beyond the wall Poster Sale. Alumni Hall Student Center, 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. -Four Years in 15 minutes: The Interview Location: AHSC312	13 -9 a.m. 5 p.m. beyond the wall Poster Sale. Alumni Hall Student Center, 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. -7 p.m. Conducting Symposium	14 -8 a.m. Conducting Symposium -7 p.m. Jocelyn Raychel and Jonah Klixbull, Junior Voice Recital	15 -3 p.m. Orchestra Concert	16 -8:30 a.m. -3 pm VISITATION DAY Steadman Theatre -8 p.m. American Spiritual Ensemble Concert	17	18 4 p.m. -5:30 pm What Can I Do in the Fields of...Philosophy, Liberal Studies, Political Science & History? Location: AHSC312
19 -3 p.m. -4 p.m. Workshop Financial Aid & FAFSA Memorial Hall 103 For ACT 101 Students -8 p.m. Into the Woods- Straughn Auditorium	20 -7 p.m. SAO Ice Skating Bus Trip to Corning - MU Students \$5 -8 p.m. Into the woods- Straughn Auditorium	21 -8 p.m. Into the woods- Straughn Auditorium	22 -8 p.m. Into the woods- Straughn Auditorium -3 p.m. Binghampton Youth Symphony -7 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert	23 -8 p.m. Janet Ahlquist, "Keyed Up For Winter" Recital -Workshop Computer Workshop: Excel Memorial Hall 103 For ACT 101 students	24 -1:30 p.m. The Real Group clinic with the Mansfieldians - Steadman Theatre -7:30 p.m. The Real Group - Straughn Auditorium	25

Take a trip down to Margaritaville while supporting the mountaineer basketball teams

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Copy Editor

Mansfield will celebrate First Citizen's National Bank Day/ Key West Spring Break Party on Feb. 14.

"I came up with the idea and approached Steve McCloskey, the Director of Sports Information at Mansfield University," Student Activities Director Steve Plesac said. "He was receptive and supportive of the idea. We both felt if we combined a live music concert that embraced a spirit of fun alongside the spirit of supporting your university basketball teams, we had the potential of creating a yearly tradition here of a sold out gym and a great party to follow the basketball games celebrating the "Key West" / "Jimmy Buffet" spirit during the winter season."

To begin the day, the women's basketball team will face Cheyney University at 1 p.m. After the women the men will face Cheyney at 3 p.m. (At halftime of each game, there will be shootouts to support Relay for Life.)

The theme of the women's game is Think Pink, to promote cancer awareness with Relay for Life organizations hosting displays in the lobby. Also, the MU Crew will distribute 200 pink shirts to students prior to the women's game.

All basketball program sales will benefit Breast Cancer research.

Following the men's game, the band Changes in Latitude will take over the Key West Spring Break Party by singing songs from the master of the tropical lifestyle, Jimmy Buffett. According to their web site, Changes in Latitude has one main goal, "to take you to Margaritaville." The web site assures that people know more Buffett songs than they think they do.

Other events that will be at the party are volleyball, the pool will be open for musical inner tubes and a male wet t-shirt contest, a virgin margarita stand and Cheeseburgers (in Paradise) will be provided.

"By design we are building an event that will become part of a yearly tradition here at Mansfield University," Plesac said. "We are bringing back alumni and bringing in students, members of the university community and members of the surrounding communities to enjoy great collegiate basketball and live music of a great Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band."

The party will last until 7:30 p.m.

Sexual violence is primarily a crime of power and control. Know the facts. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2005: Sexual violence is predominately a gendered crime with 95 percent of dating violence and 85-95 percent of child abuse perpetrated by males. One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18. In eight out of ten rape cases, the victim knew the perpetrator. The cost of rape and sexual assault excluding child sexual assault, per criminal victimization is \$87,000 per year. For the victim, the average rape or attempted rape costs \$5,100 in tangible, out-of-pocket expenses. If you or someone you know has been sexually victimized please call (570)-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447 to speak with an advocate.

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6AM-8AM	MU Music Department						MU Music Department
8AM-9AM							
9AM-10AM							
10AM-11AM			Saraub		SGA		
11AM-NOON			(11:30) Midday with M&K		Rebroadcast		
NOON-1PM				Josh R.	Andy	Classics of All Time	
1PM-2PM	Gems of Our Time				Roxy and Krista		
2PM-3PM					Caravan of Tunes	DJ	
3PM-4PM			Austin S.	Cliff			
4PM-5PM		Estrogen Overload 2008		We Interrupt This Program...	Eric H.		
5PM-6PM							
6PM-7PM	Kaela Mast	Katie Webb		Rock Your Socks OFF			An Evening of Classic Rock
7PM-8PM			FUR!		Super Cheesy Late Nights	Kenny and Derek	
8PM-9PM	Kat D.	YUY!		The Quiet Storm	Gen Taylor	Evan and Dan	
9PM-10PM			Rock Your Face				
10PM-11PM		Andy R. and Christian	Matt P. and Dan O.		Dark Side of the Radio	Eric H.	Matt W.
11PM-MIDNIGHT							
MIDNIGHT-1AM					Transistor Check		
1AM-2AM							

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Folks at work or in the neighborhood are pressing for change -- maybe a little more strenuously than you would like! It may be a good time for you to keep cool and play the voice of reason.

CANCER**June 22-July 22**

Use that left hemisphere to solve the problems you're facing today -- it's got all (or most of) the answers! It may feel weird to use reason to solve romantic or crazy-relative problems, but it works.

LIBRA**September 23-October 22**

Bury the hatchet! No matter how intense your fighting has been, now is the time to put it all behind you and try to move on. Old flames, workplace rivals and ex-friends should all sweeten up.

CAPRICORN**December 22-January 19**

It's a great time to reach out across the Internet or phone networks to track down someone from your past -- or someone who will be part of your future. You can connect with almost anyone!

TAURUS**April 20-May 20**

Your attraction to your partner, crush or date is stronger than you'd expected today -- and that should go both ways! It's a great time to recommit romantically or to take things to a new level.

LEO**July 23-August 22**

You can't help but get your finances in order today -- you've been stressing out for too long about some little problem. You may just need to write up or redo your budget and see where it leads you.

SCORPIO**October 23 - November 21**

It's a great day to tackle big, long-range challenges. Your ability to coordinate people and information and pull them all together into a master plan is as strong as it has ever been!

AQUARIUS**January 20-February 18**

You may be at loose ends over some recent news, but if you remain focused on the small stuff, you can clear it all out of the way so you can get on with life in the near future. It's all worth it.

GEMINI**May 21-June 21**

You need to be as explicit as possible when speaking with friends, family, coworkers and customers today -- your face is incredibly easy to misread! As long as you say what you mean, you're fine.

VIRGO**August 23-September 22**

Your instincts for cleanliness are making life sweeter than ever for you, your family and pretty much anyone who comes in contact with you. You're at your peak and ready to take on the world!

SAGITTARIUS**November 22-December 21**

Even your dearest family members can drive you insane today -- you just can't take the same old stuff that seems so endearing on other days. Try to let it slide or head out to clear your mind.

PISCES**February 19-March 20**

You're something of an altruist even on your off days and right now you can feel the positive energy pushing you to do good deeds. Spread the love around even more than usual and enjoy the karma!

Book Nook: Veronika Decides To Die

By JILL KAUFFMAN

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Veronika, a young attractive woman, seems to have it all in life. However, she feels something is missing and decides she wants to die.

This novel by Paulo Coelho tells the story of Veronika as she wakes up in a mental hospital after taking a bottle of pills.

While waiting to die, she decides to read a magazine. The magazine asks the question, "Where is Slovenia?" which is where the novel takes place.

After reading this magazine, Veronika decides to write a letter to the press. She tries to justify her suicide in this letter, though in reality she just feels depressed and that her

life is not important.

The story follows Veronika as she comes to terms with her life. Through her experiences in the hospital, she searches for meaning in her life.

She learns that in the hospital, she can do whatever she wants because there are no rules; everyone there is "crazy."

Veronika's experiences in the hospital teach her many things about her life and she may even have the will to live again.

To read about Veronika's journey and find out what happens to her,

check out "Veronika Decides to Die" by Paulo Coelho.

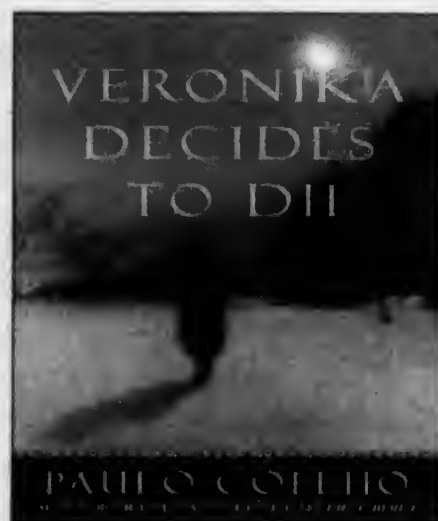


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This book follows a woman named Veronika on her search for the meaning of her life.

This day in history: Feb. 12, 1809

On this day in 1809, Abraham Lincoln is born in Hodgenville, Kentucky. Lincoln, one of America's most admired presidents, grew up a member of a poor family in Kentucky and Indiana. He attended school for only one year, but thereafter read on his own in a continual effort to improve his mind. As an adult, he lived in Illinois and performed a variety of jobs including stints as a postmaster, surveyor and shopkeeper, before entering politics. He served in the Illinois legislature from 1834 to 1836, and then became an attorney. In 1842, Lincoln married Mary Todd; together, the pair raised four sons.

Lincoln returned to politics during the 1850s, a time when the nation's long-standing division over slavery was flaring up, particularly in new territories being added to the Union. As leader of the new Republican Party, Lincoln was considered politically moderate, even on the issue of slavery. He advocated the restriction of slavery to the states in which it already existed and described the practice in a letter as a "minor issue" as late as 1854. In an 1858 senatorial race, as secessionist sentiment brewed among the southern states, he warned, "a house divided against itself cannot stand." He did not win the Senate seat, but earned national recognition as a strong political force. Lincoln's inspiring oratory soothed a populace anxious about southern states' secessionist threats and boosted his popularity.

As a presidential candidate in the election of 1860, Lincoln tried to reassure slaveholding interests that although he favored abolition, he had no intention of ending the practice in states where it already existed and prioritized saving the Union over freeing slaves. When he won the presidency by approximately 400,000 popular votes and carried the Electoral College, he was, in effect, handed a ticking time bomb. His concessions to slaveholders failed to prevent South Carolina from leading other states in an exodus from the Union that began shortly after his election.

---Courtesy of History.com

Spring out of winter with these fashion do's

By **KIMBERLEE BLOCKER**

Flashlight Fashion Writer

Although the temperatures are still bitterly cold and the snow is melting, but spring is on its way! What better way to bring in the long awaited season by preparing for the new fashion trends?

This spring, color is a big hit. The official "It" color for the season is yellow, and it's available in various shades from a greenish-yellow hue to the bright school bus yellow. There are a variety of yellows in separates and dresses, if you are not quite sure how to wear it or if you don't think it looks good on you, play it safe with accessories. Instead of buying a yellow shirt or skirt, switch it up and purchase some cute sunny shoes or adorable tote. If you are certain yellow is not the color for you, find your own flattering bright hue for spring. Blues and pinks are easier colors to wear than the yellow. Also, when wearing your bright colors, do not pair them with black. As an alternative, go with white, denim or other bright colors. Go for a fresh look and not a repeat of the 80's.

Sheer is one trend I was surprised to see as a hit among the fashion world. This transparent trend can be modest or a mistake depending on how it is worn. Make sure to layer it over solid pieces and do not try to wear it alone. If you do, let's just say you'll be the center of attention once you step foot out the house. Sheer can be paired with earth tone colors and nudes to give an outfit a more delicate appearance. Another rule with sheer: buy lingerie and undergarments that are meant to be seen!

Two of the biggest trends that don't seem to disappear are ethnic prints and floral prints. Ethnic prints shouldn't be limited to just cloth-



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Flower power is the way to go this spring. Sundresses, like this \$15 dress from Wet Seal, are fashionable and can fit in any budget.

ing. Try chunky tribal jewelry and belts to give an outfit a bold statement. Floral prints, on the other hand, can make an outfit either ladylike or bohemian. Floral prints are perfect for the casual spring dresses and work well on just about any body type.

The goddess and one shoulder trend is probably one of the hottest looks for spring. The good thing about this style with the rouching and draping of the material is that it works wonders with camouflaging any problem areas women have. But be careful with this style because instead of looking divine, light and lovely, it can make you look pudgy, frumpy and heavy. Keep it simple and make sure it fits well and looks good on you before you fly to the racks and pick up anything.

Love your boyfriend's clothing? Well the boyfriend look is one trend that came in and stayed around for a few seasons. The key to pulling off this look without appearing to look like your boyfriend's younger brother is to make the menswear feminine with women's pieces such as: a tuxedo jacket over an evening gown or a slouchy rolled up men's jeans with a soft shirt.

Of course, saving money is always a big trend regardless of the season and because of the economic crisis we are currently experiencing. More fashion designers such as Alexander McQueen, whose line is now featured in Target, and Matthew Williamson, whose line is sold at H&M, are bringing their clothing lines to affordable stores for the masses. Another key to keeping money in your pocket is reusing wisely and building classic wardrobes that keep you looking stylish and chic.

"Men of Strength, Women of Power" looking for community leaders

By **NICK ABEL**

Flashlight Features Writer

Do you know any community or campus leaders? Better yet, does anyone else know them?

Now organizations and groups around the university can recognize their own leaders through the "Men of Strength, Women of Power" nominations.

Created by the Advocacy Program, these nominations are meant to shed light upon men and women who exhibit traits of respect and equality to all persons in the campus community and the local area.

Through partnerships with the Leadership Institute, the Women's Center, Residence Life and Campus Ministry, this program can receive nominations from organizations on campus. With such a wide reach of involvement, groups of any size or interest can be considered.

School clubs, academic departments, sports teams and Greek organizations are encouraged to reach out and recognize outstanding members. Faculty or staff of the college can also be included in the process. This allows the program to not only reach students, but also to acknowledge the people behind the scenes.

During the spring semester, all of the nominees will be interviewed by a panel of students and faculty. This panel will determine if the participants meet a specific set of guidelines, some of which are included below.

- A commitment to respect for all persons
- A lifestyle that exhibits responsible decision making
- Participation in service programs
- A vision exhibiting equality for all people

Following the interviews, the program panel will select 12 of the most-qualified nominees to be used in calendars and posters for the upcoming semesters. The program will also derive slogans from the various nominated students, based on their personalities and different perspectives.

Those phrases will be an addition to the campaign slogan, "College is about learning to make informed choices."

Any student who knows a leader or community member who meets the program qualifications can nominate them with a letter of recognition. These nomination letters should be sent to the Advocacy Program.

The students in mind must have attended Mansfield for at least two semesters prior to the nomination. More information can be found by contacting program coordinator Mozart Guerrier in 109 Pinecrest Manor.

Celebrate Black History Month American Spiritual Ensemble Monday, February 16 at 8 pm Steadman Theatre



Tickets for \$8 to adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children may be purchased on-line at music.mansfield.edu or by calling 570-662-4710.

Students with MU ID will be admitted free of charge. This event is funded by Student Activity Fees.

Have any ideas for the Features section?

E-mail your ideas or comments to Jill or Kay at

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Celebrate Black History Month throughout February

By AARON ROBERT FRAGER

Special to the Flashlight

February has become a month of remembrance for the African American community. Through the ages, African American writers, artists, singers and activists have made significant impacts in American history.

Black History Month was originally called "Negro History Week" when it was established by historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926. This was developed after Woodson created the Study of Afro-American Life and History, which was created in 1915. He also created the Journal of Negro History a year later. Woodson chose February as a tribute to Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday's both fall during the month. Woodson felt that both men had tremendous impacts on African American history.

Black History month today acknowledges the great works of King, Malcolm X, Asa Phillip Randolph, Bayard Rustin, Rosa Parks and many others who were at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement. The Civil Rights Movement was one of the most important points in American History. Civil Rights movement leaders challenged the government's constitutionality; as it was clear that all people within the American government at the time were not deemed equal. These crucial points in history changed everything and shaped our modern day society into a more seemingly equal nation.

At Mansfield University, Black History Month is being celebrated with events such as The African American Arts Festival which will take place from Feb. 14 through March 15. It will exhibit works from African American artists, guest speakers and performers, workshops, showings of African American films and poetry readings. Take part in the events around



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February is nationally recognized as Black History Month, a month in which organizations and schools across the country celebrate and remember the pivotal moments and people involved in fighting for and securing equal rights for African Americans. Some of the most celebrated Black History figures are Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Asa Phillip Randolph and Rosa Parks. They and many others faced prejudice, unlawful arrests and in some cases, even death to stand up for what they believed in.

campus this month to gain knowledge about African American culture and history. Take the time this month to learn about the strength of the African American influence in history, our history.

Diversity Task Force launch poster contest

By AUSTIN SLATER

Special to the Flashlight

A poster contest is being held by the public relations and promotions sub-committee of Mansfield University's Diversity Task Force.

This poster contest is a first for the Diversity Task Force public relations and promotions committee. Diversity is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as the quality or state of being composed of many different elements or types. They expect to have flyers posted around campus within the next couple of weeks and more updates in the Daily Digest as the contest progresses.

The main goal of the poster contest is to increase awareness of diversity on campus. Dr. Chuck Hoy is on the Diversity Task Force. "Diversity is more than just color or ethnicity," Hoy said, "We are all diverse in our own way."

The posters that are submitted need to promote diversity awareness. Also, they must be no larger than 11 x 14 inches. The posters will be used to promote diversity awareness here on campus. "One of the reasons we use students is because students know how best to talk to other students," Hoy said.

Posters will be judged by the public relations and promotions committee of The Diversity Task Force following the deadline of March 13.

Posters will be judged on "originality, creativity and how well it addresses the issue of diversity," Hoy said.

Prizes in flex dollars will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the amount of \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively.

Hoy addressed the current condition of diversity on Mansfield's campus. "It depends on the individual," Hoy said. "Overall it's not bad, but

there is room for improvement."

Poster submissions are to be delivered in original form to Hoy in Hemlock 310 or posters can be submitted through e-mail to Hoy at hoy@mansfield.edu.

The deadline for poster submissions is March 13, 2009. The committee is open to all submissions.



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Dr. Chuck Hoy and the Mansfield University Diversity Task Force are encouraging students to design posters that creatively and originally display why diversity is important and why people should dare to be different.

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"Leverage" showcases crooks for a cause

By JENELLE BEAVER
Flashlight Copy Editor

Looking for something fun and entertaining to watch on television on a Tuesday night? So was I, until one Tuesday night in early December, when I saw a commercial for a new show called "Leverage," and decided to check it out. I was not disappointed.

"Leverage" is an original series on the cable network TNT. It showcases five individuals, four of whom are the best thieves in the country, and the leader. The leader is a man who worked in the insurance company until tragedy struck his family, causing him to leave his job and hit the bottle.

The show has been called a "modern day Robin Hood" by many, as this team steals from the bad guys and give back to the good guys.

In the latest episode, called "The 12 Step Job" the team find themselves working their latest con in a rehab center. They need to get back money for a local food pantry that was stolen by Jack Hurley, or so they think. Nate Ford, the leader, played by Timothy Hutton, poses as Hurley's roommate in the rehab center, while Parker (Beth Riesgraf) poses as a kleptomaniac in order to help Nate with things



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"Steals from the rich to give to the poor." Yes, we've heard it before, but "Leverage" takes it to the next level with hi-tech devices, window scaling, and fake FBI uniforms.

on the inside. Sophie Devereaux (Gina Bellman) poses as a psychiatrist who runs the group therapy session, where they hope to gain insight into why Hurley stole the money and where he is keeping it.

Working on the outside of the rehab facility are Hardison (Aldis Hodge) and Eliot (Christian Kane) who find themselves disassembling bombs targeting Hurley. Apparently he angered many crooks who now want him dead.

The team of high-tech thieves breaks Nate, Parker, and Hurley out of rehab and work things out. As it turns out, Hurley did steal the money, but was going to give it back, saying that he found it in order to get in good graces with a woman named Michelle.

They "kill" Hurley in a bomb explosion, getting the crooks of Hurley's back. Hardison hooks him up with a new identity, and things all work out in the end. Sometimes things aren't so easy, but this week they turned out to be.

If you haven't checked "Leverage" out yet, you still have a few episodes left until the season finale. It turns out a lot of people like it, as it was already picked up for another season last Monday. "Leverage" airs Tuesday nights at 10 on TNT.

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Singer Chris Brown surrenders to police

By MONTE ALEXANDER
Flashlight Features Writer

R&B singer Chris Brown surrendered to police Sunday, Feb. 8 after suspicions of domestic violence against an unidentified female.

According to Billboard.com, the 19-year-old singer was arrested on suspicions of making a criminal threat.

Los Angeles Police Sgt. Bridget Pickett said authorities continued to investigate what took place following music legend Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammy party, where Brown and longtime girlfriend Rihanna were seen sitting happily enjoying the festivities.

Officers received a 911 call about an incident in which a woman was hurt. Authorities have not identified who the woman involved was, citing confidentiality for victims of domestic abuse.

Brown, who had left the scene before authorities arrived, turned himself into the police while the 51st Grammy Awards were in progress. Brown and Rihanna both had nominations and was scheduled to perform. Both artists cancelled their appearances at the award show.

Brown was released after posting \$50,000 bail.

Pickett described the singer as "professional" during police processing.

Rihanna's publicist have declined to say why the singer did not appear, saying only that she was "well" and expressing thanks for the concern. However, a statement was released citing a "car accident" as the official reason for Rihanna's absence. The "car accident" has since been denied by her camp.

Brown's representatives also refused to discuss the allegations or his arrest.

Still, Brown was not booked on suspicion of physically hurting the woman. Pickett said a criminal threats charge indicates a person makes a threat and has the capacity to carry it out. "There may be domestic violence charges added later, but that will be up to the district attorney's office," Pickett said.

Pickett said Brown did not appear to have any physical injuries. She said she did not know who

placed the 911 call and a police spokeswoman said the department would not release the tape.

Officials are still declining to identify the injured party in the alleged assault. Brown's court date is scheduled for March 5.



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Although reps for both Rihanna and Chris Brown are keeping silent, entertainment web sites like TMZ are claiming that the name of Brown's victim on the police report was listed as "Robyn Fenty," which is Rihanna's birth name.



THE CARIBBEAN

Beautiful beaches, sunny skies and the bluest water you have ever seen are the perfect reasons to pick one of the islands of the Caribbean. Made up of over 1,000 islands including the Bahamas, Jamaica, Cuba and Puerto Rico, the Caribbean has become a hot spot for celebrity sightings, especially on the islands of Grenada and Saint Lucia, so don't forget that digital camera.

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AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY

This organization offers "volunteer vacations." The AHS is looking for individuals who want to volunteer time during their Spring Breaks to help state parks and preserves keep up with park maintenance and new projects, including renovating cabins, building new attractions and creating new walking trails. A full list of events is available on AHS' web site: www.americanhiking.org. The trips arranged by AHS are not free and range in prices.

FLORIDA

A little closer in proximity and a little less in price than the Caribbean is the state of Florida. Popular beaches include South Beach, which boasts half a million college students a year during spring break and Panama City Beach, which is home to mtvU's Spring Break coverage this year, so if you want to be on camera (think carefully) Panama City is the place to be!!!



Non-Traditional Destinations

I-TO-I: LIFE CHANGING TRAVEL

Although on the pricey side (\$650-\$1300), i-to-i: Life Changing Travel can provide one of the most unique spring break experiences. The organization allows volunteers to select the length and place in which they would like to make a difference. Charity work includes building houses in developing countries like Honduras and preserving animal habitats in Costa Rica, Kenya and parts of Asia. More information on i-to-i can be found on their web site: www.i-to-i.com.



Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Special guest editorial from Features Co-Editor Jill Kauffman...



This is Jill's second semester as one of the Features co-editors. When she's not working hard in the Flashlight office, she enjoys basket weaving, scarves and tacos.

Hello everyone! The purpose of the editorial section is to allow writers and editors to voice their opinions. This week, one of the section editors, Jill Kauffman, decided that she had some important concerns to bring to your attention. I know nothing can compare to my rant about the mistreatment of groundhogs, but be sure to read carefully and maybe even e-mail her a response!

-Beka

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Readers, I had a frustrating experience these first few weeks of school. As

required for two of my academic programs, I needed to complete a final, independent study before graduation.

At the end of last semester I selected a professor to oversee the project, filled out the necessary paperwork to get the independent study approved and added it to my schedule. Part of the form included attaching a project proposal, which included what I planned to study and how it would be graded.

Upon my return to school after winter break, I found that my independent study request had been mailed back to me and had not been approved. There was a vague note on the bottom that I thought said "needs letter proposal." I now think it actually said "needs better proposal," but I'm not sure. I went to Enrollment Services and was told to type up a more thorough proposal.

I re-submitted the form and waited. However, I then received an e-mail from my professor. He told me the form had yet again been sent back, and that a note written on it requested even more information.

After an e-mail to the Registrar's office, I finally learned that what was really needed was the grading guidelines. I can't thank Lori Cass enough for the helpful e-mail, or else I'd probably still be rewriting the project proposal. What I eventually did was just print the project guidelines directly from the Honors web site and attached them to the form.

So for me, the third time was the charm in getting my independent study approved. I found this experience frustrating for several reasons. One, I had originally submitted this form at the end of last semester. I realize the people in Enrollment Services have quite a bit on their plates, but perhaps an e-mail or phone call would be more efficient when informing students that their independent study requests have not been approved.

(As a side note on efficient communication: last semester the library spent 42 cents mailing me a 25 cent fine. This could be another instance in which a phone call or e-mail may have been a more practical choice).

Also, the notes written on the returned form said nothing about elaborating upon the grading procedure, which is what was really needed. It took several e-mails for me to finally identify the problem.

The most frustrating thing for me was the fact that this project was required for me. I have heard from several professors that the university is making it more difficult for independent studies to get approved. If the university is going to have programs that require an independent study, shouldn't that be enough to get it approved? I have no other choice but to complete an independent project and would have preferred to focus on actually working on the research, not just on getting it approved.

I also have heard that some students think an independent study is a way to take charge of their own education. I believe this is something that should be supported.

Although it was irritating trying to track down the problem, everyone I contacted in the process was very helpful. I just think a lot of time could have been saved, especially if I had been contacted sooner with a more specific reason as to why my form was not approved. Perhaps I should have been clearer in my initial proposal, but both I and my professor felt it met the requirements.

Have any of you had a problem getting your independent studies approved? Let us know and send a letter to the editor at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu)

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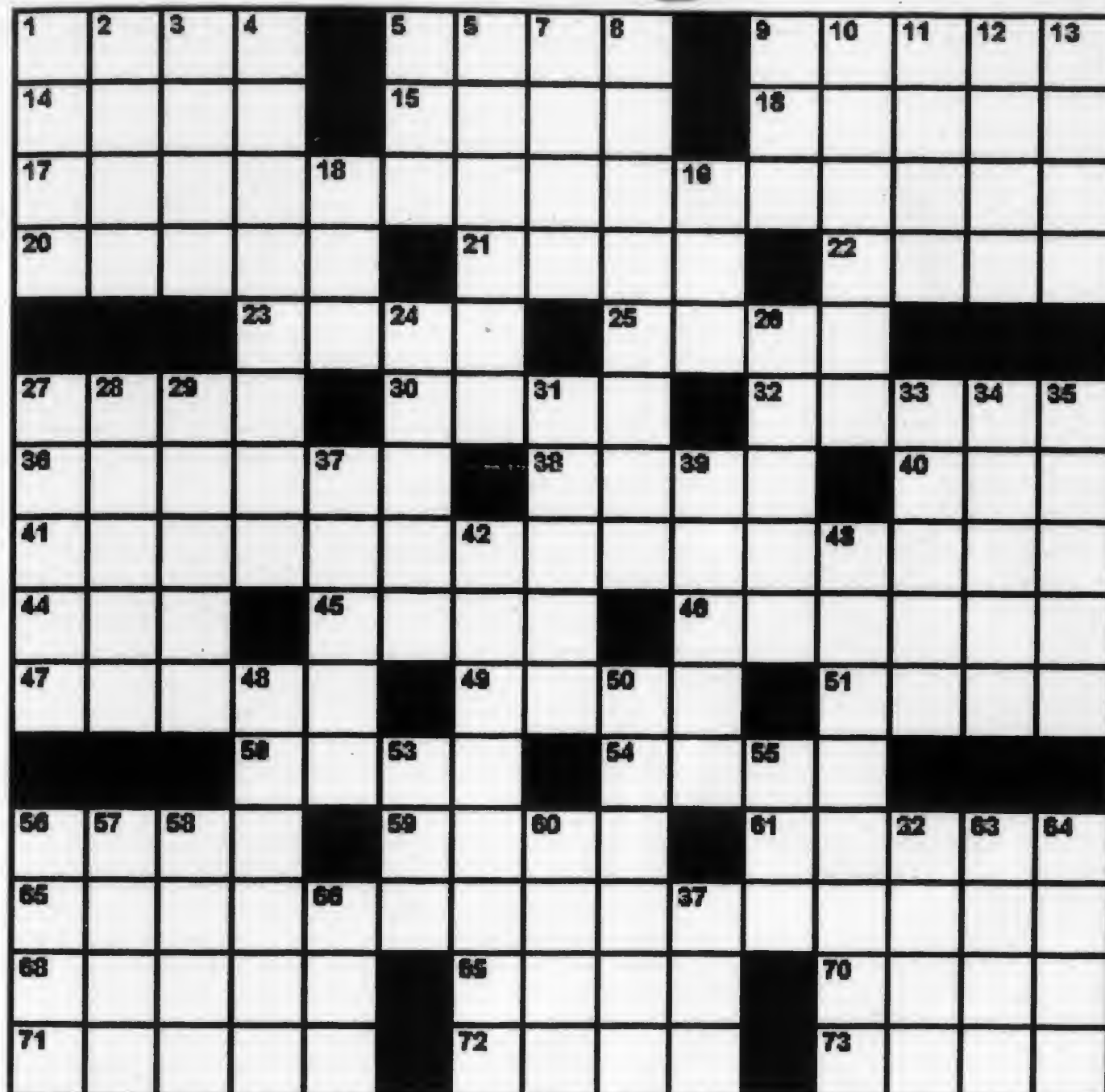
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# Flashlight Puzzle Page



## Across

1. Arabic term referring to a valley
5. Mansfield math professor's nickname, Uncle \_\_\_\_
9. One of the ancient people of south-central Italy
14. Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder collaboration "\_\_\_\_y & Ivory"
15. Syn. for car
16. Ant. for true
17. 2004 Ashton Kutcher movie
20. Long horned cattle
21. A defect
22. R\_\_\_\_ & Kelly, morning talk

## Down

23. Rattling sound in the throat
25. For fear that
27. A polite way to address a woman
30. A brink or verge
32. \_\_\_\_ the knot
36. To join the army
38. Pale; wan
40. John \_\_\_\_, Scottish doctor
41. Adolescents who stay in inexpensive lodging
44. Freddy Kruegar had a nightmare on this street
45. Wreaths of flowers in the Hawaiian Islands
46. Large fishing nets
47. \_\_\_\_k, to search again
49. Caustic soda, plural
51. Mexican monetary unit
52. To eject from the stomach through the mouth
54. Domesticated animals kept in the home
56. First name of the host of Jeopardy
59. Creator of first blue jeans
61. Study abroad program aboard a ship: semester \_\_\_\_
65. To disband, plural
68. To accustom to hardship, difficulty, etc.

69. A fruity cereal ring
70. Sound made by a horse's hoof
71. Sense involving the mouth
72. Long thin, narrow strip of wood
73. Gene Simmons band

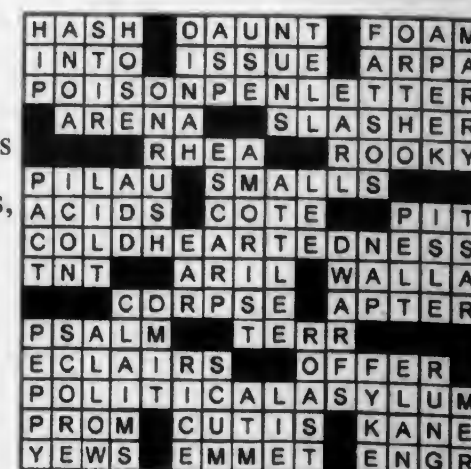
## Down

1. Homes of spiders
2. To be adjacent
3. To bestow or express excessive love or fondness habitually
4. To discontinue temporarily
5. A stroke more than birdie
6. The big bad wolf, along with puffed, did this
7. "\_\_\_\_ End in Tears," 1984 album by This Mortal Coil
8. Showing the most allegiance
9. Opposite of on
10. Seat belts are meant to ensure this
11. A small breeze or horsefly
12. \_\_\_\_ White, a supercomputer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California
13. Items used to catch butterflies
18. A period of time
19. A mature female sheep
24. Forgetfulness; oblivion
26. A fashionable mode of living
27. Author of "Twilight" series
28. A lizard, related to iguanas, that can change the color of it's skin
29. Former students
31. Idle, empty talk
33. Leading lady in 2000 Jim

Carrey film

34. Nasal passages
35. A prepared surface of plaster for painting
37. To carry, lug
39. German-Swiss poet, Hermann \_\_\_\_
42. Drill these to obtain black gold
43. "Your \_\_\_\_, his collar, don't bother angel"
48. Protection, safeguard or guidance on a journey
50. An external parasite or commensal on the body of an animal
53. Younger Manning NFL quarterback
55. Slang for inked body art
56. An entrance or passage
57. A river that flows from Lake Baikal to the Laptev Sea
58. Large, flightless Australian birds
60. A bowed musical instrument popular in the 17 century
62. Solo plural
63. Biblical son of Seth
64. Venomous African snakes
66. Insect that bumbles
67. Inclined, likely

## Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



# Margaritaville Comes to Mansfield!

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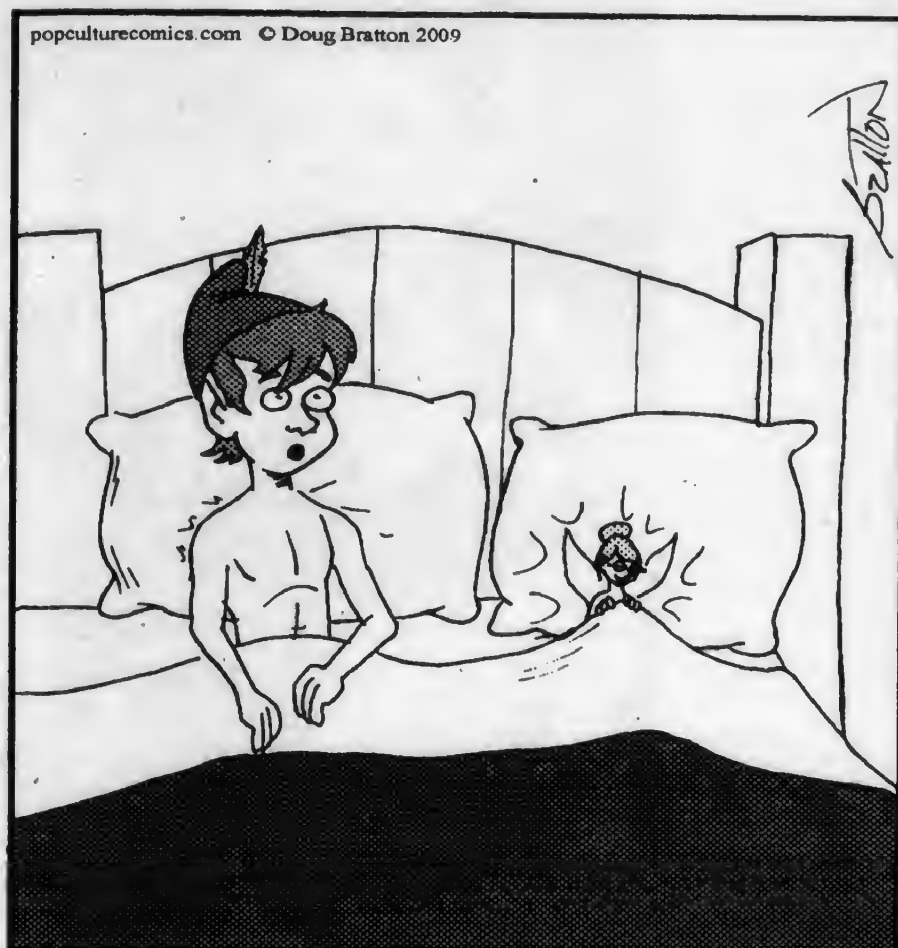
**1pm-Women's Game  
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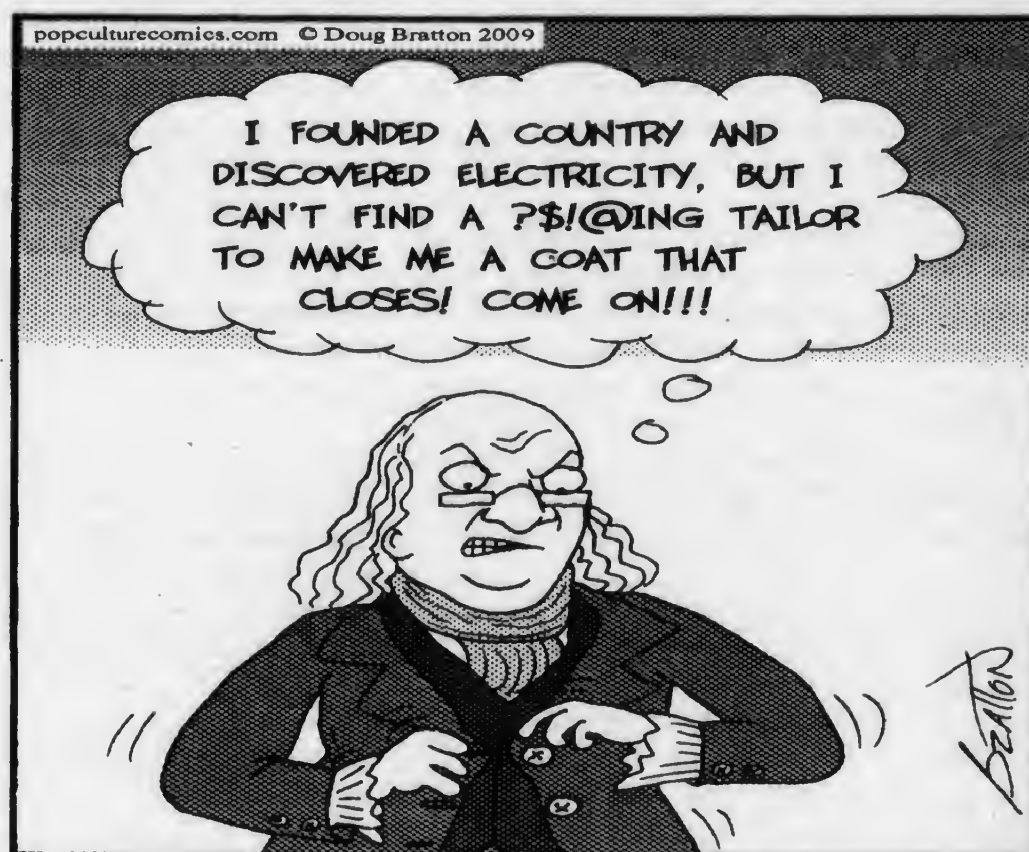




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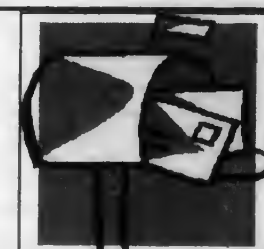
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## *The Flashlight: Letter to the Editor*



Dear Editor,

I am writing to say how disappointed I am in our student body. Just the other day MAC had purchased an ice sculpture for entertainment as a small PR event for Winterfest the following day. It was destroyed within two hours by students.

Students might think this is funny and not a big deal, but this is why we can't have nice things happen to our campus more often. It is these few students who ruin it for everyone. Students also don't realize that it is their dollars hard at work when it comes to something like this. As a student, you would not rip apart a text book you paid for just to be funny or push over your computer screen on a dare. Why? Because it is your money that would go to waste.

This situation is actually very similar because it was more than \$600 of the Student Activity Fee that paid for the sculpture. I request that our student body think long and hard before doing something stupid like this again. Not only will it ruins the chance to have more events like this one, but it also wastes their money.

Sincerely,  
Shantee Proctor

# On the Sidelines with Tony Fannick: A Class Act

By NICOLE HAGAN

*Flashlight Sports Editor*

On stage, when the curtain is pulled and the crowd is watching, there's the potential for some performers to fall – to forget their lines and let weeks of rehearsal crumple beneath the pressure. To others, the performers and "actors" that rise to the occasion, it's a chance to demonstrate the infinite possibilities that lie within them.

Tony Fannick, a freshman basketball and baseball player from Milton, PA, may perform on a different stage, but his infinite potential is one and the same. Throughout his first season as a forward for the Mountaineers, he's demonstrated poise and modesty on and off the court – a stage he's grown accustomed to. Earning Freshman of the Week for the fourth time this season, averaging 10.3 points per game, 5.2 rebounds per game and averaging 87.7 percent from the free throw line, he's played an active role in the 5-2 PSAC East record that the team currently holds.

The spotlight is nothing new to Fannick. Throughout his high school career, he accumulated a long resume of accomplishments. Fannick was a four-time all-state selection, the leading scorer in men's basketball history at Milton High School with 2,234 points, a four time CSC-I (Central Susquehanna Conference) Player of the Year and he earned AP (Associated Press) first team All-State honors his junior and senior year. Beyond that, he played short stop and first base for his baseball team, earned academic honors every marking period throughout high school and was the president of the drama club.

While Fannick has found success in many different stages, he's no actor when you meet him in person. As we did this interview, I found an unrehearsed sincerity and modesty in his approach to basketball and life. To Fannick, there's no such thing as a one-man show and achievement is something that can only be reached through the collective efforts of the team. While his athletic abilities may outshine his acting career at Mansfield, his passion and maturity is something that steals the stage in any arena – even at the library where we conducted this interview.

**Nicole Hagan:** How long have you been playing basketball?

**Tony Fannick:** I've basically been playing basketball since I could walk. I've had a basketball in my hands since I was little and I turned out being a tall kid. My Dad, who was a basketball coach, helped me develop my skills and my passion growing up, even though he's always told me that I didn't have to play if I didn't want to.

**NH:** Your Dad was the coach of your high school team right?

**TF:** Yeah, he just retired actually. He's been coaching for over 35 years and he wants to be able to go to all my games and watch me play.

**NH:** Has he been to all of your games so far this season?

**TF:** Yeah, I believe he has gone to every game – him and my Mom. My sister, who's a senior at Penn State, she's come out to two games also. I get a lot of family support every time I step onto the court. We've always been close and we've always had each other's backs. In my family, you know that help is always there if you need it and there's never any pressure.

**NH:** I know that you're also listed playing for the baseball team here. Aside from basketball and baseball, did you play any other sports growing up?

**TF:** I played soccer until high school. Entering high school I realized I needed to focus on only one or two sports though, so I decided to stick with basketball and baseball.

**NH:** I noticed that you played short stop for your high school baseball team, but here at Mansfield you're playing the outfield and first base. Is there a reason for that?

**TF:** It's just where I fit in with the guys on the team. I'm mostly there to hit anyway, so I just play where I'm needed on defense. I did play first base my senior season of high school though. I'd broken my foot in basketball during a playoff game, so they put me at first when baseball season rolled around and kept me from running too much until my foot was healed.

**NH:** The baseball preseason is coming up in a week – have you been practicing with the baseball team at all or are you just sticking with basketball?

**TF:** I'm primarily focused on basketball right now. It's tough because I love both sports and I've played baseball since I was a kid, just like basketball. I've spent whole summers playing baseball; but my scholarship is for basketball – not baseball. It's tough when you're trying to win and be your best in a sport, but you have to split up the time between the two. I won't be able to go with the baseball team for their trip to Florida and when the season starts, I'll have to play catch-up.

**NH:** As a freshman who's still getting used to the whole routine of college, how difficult is it for you to balance school and two other sports? What's your schedule like in a given day?

**TF:** It took a little adjusting at first, but by now I've just found a system that works for me – a routine that I've gotten the hang of. The guys on both of the teams have made it easy for me though and I'm grateful to have that kind of support. They did a good job taking me in and looking after me. In a given day, I wake up at 8:30 a.m. and go to all my classes. I have to schedule them all before lunch so that they don't conflict with practice. I'll have a little time after that, but then I'll go to practice and then come home later that night and do some work or hit the library.

**NH:** How did you first become interested in basketball? Did your Dad have anything to do with it, and if so, what are some things that he's taught you?

**TF:** I'd say it was probably my Dad. He taught me how to see the game differently – a way to earn the team's respect and win the game at the same time. He believed in the whole team aspect of the game and how to achieve the goals of the group. He's definitely made me a smarter player.

**NH:** Why did you decide to come to Mansfield University? Did it have anything to do with the basketball and baseball teams?

**TF:** A goal of mine since high school was to work hard enough to get a scholarship and a chance to go to school and earn an education, while playing a sport at the same time. I got some letters from Division I schools and opportunities to play baseball elsewhere, but my decision ultimately came down to Mansfield, Bloomsburg and Pitt-Johnstown. Mansfield just seemed to be the best fit academically and team-wise.

**NH:** I know that you invest most of your time into school and sports – is there anything you do extra outside of practices?

**TF:** I'm a huge music fan actually. Back in high school, I was in theatre and I was the president of the drama club and participated in choir. I also had a band where I played bass

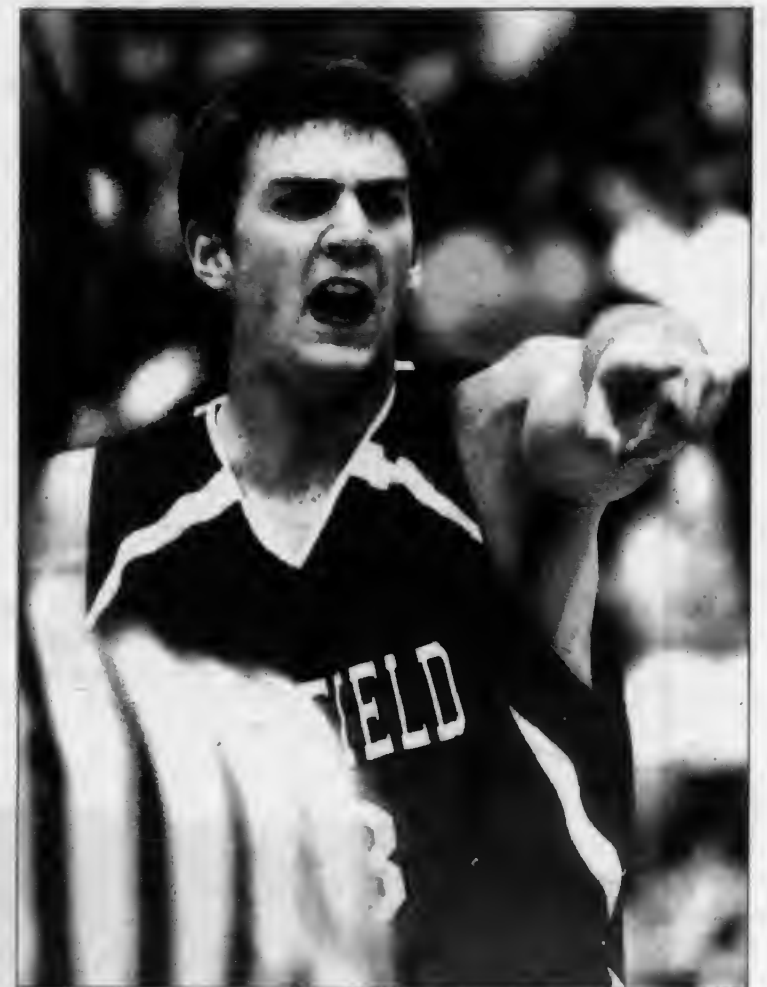


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Tony Fannick has been named Freshman of the Week for the fourth time this season after helping his team earn two PSAC wins against Bloomsburg University and Shippensburg University. He averages 10.3 points per game and 5.2 rebounds per game this season.

guitar and we'd just hop into a van and go off and play at different places.

**NH:** Have you ever considered doing any of the musicals here at Mansfield?

**TF:** I'd love to, but I can't because the productions would interfere with games. I couldn't have a role in one of the plays and then say, 'sorry I have a game tonight' and let everyone down. Basketball and baseball definitely come first for me. They're one of the reasons I'm here at college and I have to dedicate myself to them first.

**NH:** The team is currently tied for second place with Cheyney in the PSAC East Conference. How do you feel the team is doing this season, especially after coming back from being down two games in the conference and going on this five game winning streak?

**TF:** We're definitely starting to come together. During these past couple of games, we've starting believing in each other more and we've started gaining greater confidence. We know that each individual can't go out there and try to win the game by himself. We rely on each other and we're meshing more as both players and as friends. Even though I'm a freshman, we try to trust each other. I didn't start the season out as a starter – I've had to work for that. Every day I go to practice knowing that I have something to prove to the other guys in order to be here. As the season has gone on, our styles have influenced each other more and more and we're finding that happy medium where everything is starting to click.



**'FANNICK'**

NH: You guys are up against some important teams this week, facing Cheyney and number one Kutztown. How have you been preparing for these games and what are you expecting to be up against?

TF: They really laid one on us at Kutztown and we didn't forget it. We're a different team at home though and we're going to come out and do whatever it takes to get a win. We're not going to make excuses, we're just going to go out and play our hardest.

NH: You've been named PSAC freshman of the week four times already this season. Why do you think you're doing so well? What would you attribute your success to this season?

TF: It's all because of my teammates – personal success comes from team success. I mean, I was excited and honored to earn freshman of the week, but it all comes from the efforts of my team.

NH: Coach Miller always tells me that, despite being a freshman, you have a lot of experience under your belt. And after looking at the long list of accomplishments you earned throughout high school I can see what he means. From being the leading scorer in Milton history to taking your high school team to several championships, what would you say has been your most rewarding experience through basketball?

TF: Seeing the fans. Up through high school and in the district playoffs games, seeing the gym packed and how happy everyone was to be there is a great feeling. It's a community feeling. Milton, while it's not as small as Mansfield, is still a small town and this kind of thing brings people together. It's also been an honor to play with a group of good and respectable players throughout the years.

NH: I also read that you appeared in Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd." Tell me a little bit about that.

TF: Well, someone must have seen me play, because I was

put on a panel and voted on to be a part of the "Faces in the Crowd" article. One person out of seven ends up getting their own video on takkle.com – a web site that has a direct affiliation with Sports Illustrated. So after being picked I sent in the clips and they made a video out of them. This was back in June 2007.

NH: We hear about all the interviews and wins, but I was wondering what has been your most difficult task to overcome through basketball?

TF: I'd say adjusting to the different teams and different players. Now, I'm pretty much set with the guys I'm playing basketball with, but sometimes you never know what's going to happen or who you're going to play with or against. You just do what you know and try to react.

NH: What motivates you to play basketball?

TF: I just love the game and going out there and playing a sport that I've been doing since I was a little kid. There are only certain times in life where you get the absolutely amazing feeling that you can get through playing a sport. You may hate running and pushing hard in practices, but when you hit that game winning shot, all that hard work becomes worth it.

NH: Who is your biggest role model or influence and why?

TF: My parents and my sister are without a doubt the best role models I've ever had. They've always been encouraging and would support me in any way possible.

NH: For the past two years the team has just missed out on making the playoffs. How do you think the team will finish out the season? Do you feel like you guys have the drive to make it to the PSAC Championships?

TF: I definitely think we have the drive. We're focused and as long as we take one game at a time and stay within ourselves whenever things don't go perfectly well, we'll make it. We just have to do what we know. The preseason rankings said we wouldn't make it to PSACs this year, so we're out to prove them wrong and prove it

to ourselves that we can be a championship team.

NH: What's your major and what are your plans for after graduation?

TF: I'm a broadcasting major and I'm looking into sports broadcasting. Growing up playing sports, I've earned an appreciation for baseball and basketball that I never want to let go of. I've also thought about going into acting. I love being in front of an audience. My sister is actually trying to be a director. She's good at what she does. She's had a few job offers, but she decided to stay in school to finish out her degree. She hopes to move to Hollywood or New York City once she graduates.

NH: Has she ever cast you in any of her movies?

TF: [Laughs] She's always said she'd cast me in a film if she ever became a big director. I've been in some of her movies though, like her junior film. We always play off of one another and say that one of us will make it in the business.

NH: What are some things you've learned as a freshman on the basketball team?

TF: I kind of knew what I was getting into, but not everything when I first came to college. When it comes to basketball though, I've learned to keep track of all my stuff, don't be late for anything and if coach tells you to do something – you do it. [Laughs].

NH: Tell me a little about what it's like to play for the Mansfield basketball team. As a freshman, do you feel like a part of the basketball family and how have you grown as a team since you first started the season?

TF: As a team, we do the simple things like sit down and have a team meal on the road or hang out on the weekends. But I tell you what, there's something about when you're at practice and you're dying and out of breath – not thinking you can move – and then you look over at the guy next to you and you realize he's in the same boat. In sports, it's really just about sticking together.

# Hill battles Army: Leads Mansfield counterstrike

By DANELLE MILLER

Flashlight Copy Editor

Mansfield University boxer Jarrell Hill (132) defeated Army's Jevon Thomas (136) at Army on Saturday, Feb. 7.

This was a tougher fight for Hill because Army was able to scout him at the Shippensburg match. In the first round, both men were evenly matched with one leading and the other countering, but in the second, Hill began to move and become more aggressive. He added more combinations and landed more hits than Thomas. In the third round Hill used his strongest strategy – his counter attack. Hill was too quick for Thomas; every time Thomas tried to lead, Hill came back at him with several counter-punches. Thomas and his corner coach knew he was behind in points and kept trying to urge him on, but "Hill was devastating in countering," head coach Richard Gillespie said.

For Mansfield's upcoming home match, Army requested that Hill face their fighter, Johnny Garcia. Garcia and Hill have fought against one another in previous years, but both want to see how they've evolved. "Johnny fought on Saturday," Gillespie said. "You can tell he greatly improved, but so has Jarrell."

Nathan Eilenfeldt (147) was the second fighter Mansfield sent to Army. Eilenfeldt faced the first match-up of his career against Army's Paul Bryant. Bryant, himself, earned his first win at the Shippensburg match the week before. Eilenfeldt lost to Bryant. "Nathan made rookie mistakes, like lowering his

head," Gillespie said. "He will become a good fighter for us."

Eilenfeldt thinks that he needed to be more aggressive during the match, but plans to improve for his next match.

"I went into the fight confident," Eilenfeldt said. "Coach told me to be reserved and feel him out, but don't go crazy and tire myself out. In the first round I wasn't guarding myself and I let him run the fight. He threw a lot of punches and ended up hitting me a lot. In the second I threw a few more punches, but was still reserved and not aggressive enough. In the third I threw more punches than in the second, but I didn't move as much and didn't cover up. I kept dropping my hands and lowering my head, so I couldn't see where I was punching. I kept going backwards rather than to the side. Next match I'm going to be more aggressive and not put my head down and stay on the guy. I'll fight smarter."

Mansfield's next match is Saturday, Feb. 14 against Lock Haven University.

| Date    | Location                           |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| 2/14    | Lock Haven University              |
| 2/21    | Home (Decker Gym)                  |
| 2/28    | Penn State University              |
| 3/6     | University of Maryland             |
| 3/19-22 | Regionals @ Salisbury, Maryland    |
| 4/2-5   | Nationals @ College Park, Maryland |



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Jarrell Hill picked up his second win in a row against Jevon Thomas of Army and will go up against Army's Johnny Garcia at the Mansfield home meet on Feb. 21.



# Men's basketball extends winning streak to five games

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

Mansfield's men's basketball team inched its way up in the PSAC standings, defeating Bloomsburg University and Shippensburg University this past week in conference play.

The team's 88-58 blowout over Bloomsburg on Wednesday, Feb. 4 in Decker Gymnasium was their fourth consecutive win since their loss to Kutztown University on Jan. 21.

The game didn't start in the Mountaineer's favor however. Before the tip-off, Bloomsburg was given two free throws due to a Mansfield technical foul for dunking the ball during warm-ups. The damage was non-existent though as Bloomsburg's Jesse Betar missed both foul shots and the Mountaineers went on to earn the tip-off. Instead of Betar, freshman Tony Fannick earned the first two points of the game after stealing the ball and being fouled on the breakaway layup.

"Yuseff allegedly dunked the ball to earn the technical," head coach Rich Miller said. "To me, it seemed more like he dropped the ball through the net, but maybe I just didn't see it. Luckily, it didn't matter in the long run."

Mansfield went on a 12-2 run in the first four minutes of play with a jumper and two three-pointers from junior guard Ryan Callahan and a layup from Fannick. Callahan went on to score a total of 15 points in the first half, nine of them by three-pointers, giving Mansfield the 44-25 lead at the halftime buzzer.

Mansfield out-shot Bloomsburg 55 percent to 32 percent from the floor, 41 percent to 25 percent in three-pointers and 75 percent to 55 percent in free throws during the first half.

"Their leading scorer was hurt so I think that played a part in their low shot percentage, but I think we did a decent job on defense nonetheless," Miller said. "Callahan worked hard guarding on the perimeter, Cory had a few blocks and Greene and Pender did a solid job as well. I think Bloomsburg just didn't have a good night on offense. It happens to everyone at some point."

The second half produced the same results. Bloomsburg scored the first three points, but senior captain Chris Greene and Fannick followed with a layup and a three-pointer respectively to make the score 49-30.

Due to the lead, Mansfield started tapping into their bench. While Justin Simmons, Lavail Owens, Cory Boone and Donny Lyons all saw time in the first half, they took the leading positions nearly five minutes into the second and received additional help from Brandon Smith and starter Chris Pender. Pender scored ten points in the second half, in addition to six in the first, while Boone and Smith held down the defense with three blocks total in the final 20 minutes.

"Everyone got at least five minutes that night," Miller said. "As a coach, I'm not looking for them to score or make big plays offensively. I just need them to show me that they can take care of the ball, sit down and defend. When these guys come off the bench to play in the final minutes, the goal isn't to prove something to the team; it's to finish up and go into the locker rooms with a 'W.' Dom Oliver is one of those guys who understands that idea. Sometimes in that situation players will foul in the final minutes and a game that should be over in five minutes takes twenty. That wasn't the case this time. I thought for the most part we took control and made good decisions. All of the guys on the team are capable of playing though. We got in, got out and that resulted in us getting the win."

Mansfield led by as many as 33 points after a layup from Smith with 3:22 left in the game and Lyons capped off the night with a behind-the-head dunk off of an assist from Oliver

to give the Mountaineers the 88-58 win.

"Donny is a very athletic player," Miller said. "He's a good on-the-ball defender and he's gotten a lot better since the beginning of the season. That's how it is with Donny - the more minutes he gets on the floor, the better he does."

Every Mountaineer saw playing time against Bloomsburg. Callahan had a game high 20 points, followed by Pender and Fannick with 16 and Boone with eight points and three blocks. Yuseff Carr, while only putting up six points, contributed on the night with 11 rebounds and Simmons and Owens dished out four and five assists respectively.

"Callahan has done well offensively for the past two games," Miller said. "He's starting to take better care of the ball and take good shots. Lavail also did really well against Bloomsburg. Chris got into foul trouble and Justin was hurt so we had Lavail play point for us - a position he doesn't normally spend too much time at. He did really well though, dishing out five assists and earning three rebounds."

Mansfield shot 65 percent from the floor and 63 percent in three-point shots during the second half. On the night, the team shot a total of 60 percent from the floor and 52 percent from behind the arc while shooting a consistent 75 percent from the free throw line.

The team's next win came against Shippensburg on Saturday, Feb. 7 where the Mountaineers pulled out a close 64-62 defeat over the Red Raiders.

The Red Raiders held the lead for the first seven minutes of play until a three-pointer from Callahan gave Mansfield the 11-9 edge. Mansfield then went on a 15-6 scoring run that was capped off by another three-pointer from Callahan at the 7:13 mark, bringing the score to 26-15.

Shippensburg came back, going on their own 12-5 run, but still trailed by three points going into the locker room at half time.

"We got off to a really great start and came out with a lot of energy on the road, which is something we haven't been able to do," Miller said. "We got some good offense out of Yuseff in the first half, but Fannick got into foul trouble so we were stuck playing with a lot of guards. Because of that, we weren't able to get the ball inside very much and we ended up taking a bunch of three's and missing about five of them in a row. Additionally, Shippensburg created some mismatches for us since they had their big guys up against our guards. They were able to catch up because we weren't able to score against their unique lineup. At one point, we were stuck at 30 points for about four minutes which was disappointing. Basically, because of our foul trouble early on, we were limited on offense."

The Red Raiders continued their comeback into the second half, tying the game 33-33 off of a jumper from Lamar Drayton nearly three minutes in and taking the 34-33 lead with a follow-up foul shot. The Mountaineers allowed Shippensburg to take as much as a 55-48 lead with 5:20 left to play, but slowly inched forward from that point on, tying the game 60-60 with three minutes remaining.

Foul shots proved to be the game winner in the final minutes, with a foul shot a piece from Greene and Pender and two from Callahan to give Mansfield the 64-62 win.

"We're currently leading the league in free throw percentage," Miller said. "For the past six weeks in fact we've been at number one. Tony is third in the league, Greene is in the top 10 and Carr is a very good free throw shooter for being a big guy. Free throw shooting is just one of our strengths and something that we can depend on to win us games."



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Junior guard Ryan Callahan scored game high points against Bloomsburg University and Shippensburg University this past week. Against the Huskies, he had 20 points, two steals and three rebounds before earning 22 points, two steals and six rebounds against the Red Raiders. His final two free throws against Shippensburg proved to be the winning shots to give them the 64-62 victory.

Callahan was once again the game high scorer with 22 points and was followed closely by Carr who earned his fourth double-double this season with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Carr, in addition to Boone, held down the defense with three blocked shots each.

"The Shippensburg game was a lot like Millersville," Miller said. "It was a come-from-behind win late in the game and we were able to make the plays that got us a 'W.' Defensively we played a pretty good game and while we didn't necessarily shoot well, we still found a way to win. I think that will be key in the rest of the games this season. We have to be able to win games when things don't go perfectly."

The team's next two games are at home on Wednesday, Feb. 11 against the top-ranked Kutztown University and Saturday, Feb. 14 against number two Cheyney University.

"This next game against Kutztown is a big one for us," Miller said. "The guys are looking to redeem themselves after their previous loss and Kutztown is outstanding on offense. Our transition defense will be important against them and as long as we make them run a half-court defense and execute on offense, taking advantage of our opportunities to get the ball inside, I believe we have a great chance to win."



# Craig Barber vaults his way to victory at Invitational

By DANELLE MILLER

*Flashlight Copy Editor*

The Mansfield University Track team traveled to Susquehanna University to compete in their Indoor Invitational on Sat., Feb. 7.

"We competed against Division I and Division II schools and were able to refine our skills at the meet," head coach Mike Rohl said.

Despite several top 10 finishes, Mansfield's only first place qualifier was freshman Craig Barber who pole vaulted a height of 14-06.00. Freshman Dereck Davis also vaulted in this event, placing 20 with a height of 11-05.75.

"Barber did awesome," sprinter Josh Bucior said. "This was his first collegiate win and it's great to see a teammate get first place."

Junior Mike Gray started off the second place finishes for Mansfield with a toss of 53-09.75 in the men's shot put before placing fifth in the men's weight throw with a throw of 51-07.00.

"Mike is an exceptional athlete," Rohl said. "He works extremely hard on his own. He's a smart athlete with great competitiveness. When he faced St. Francis, the guy threw, which got Mike excited, so he got 16.4 meters [farther than St. Francis' competitor]. He responded to someone putting a mark out there."

Brooke McDaniel also earned a

second place finish for Mansfield in women's 400 meter dash (1:00.88) in addition to running in the women's 200 meter dash with sophomore Jenelle Toter and freshman Carly Klinger. Toter (27.67) beat McDaniel (27.70) by two seconds, giving Mansfield seventh and eighth place finishers, with Klinger following in 10 (27.86).

Erica Ferguson participated in the women's long jump where she placed third with a distance of 16-07.25 in addition to placing eighth in the women's 55 meter dash preliminaries where she finished with a time of 7.67. Toter also ran in this event, placing 14 (7.77).

On the men's side, Justen Johnson took third in the men's triple jump (44-07.00) alongside teammate Bryant Rager who placed 10 (40-08.25) in the event. Johnson furthered his accomplishments that day, placing seventh in the men's long jump, recording a distance of 20-01.50.

Taking fifth in the men's 55 meter dash preliminaries was Bucior (6.73). Bryan Falcone and freshmen Henry Green also ran in this event, placing 29 (7.00) and 49 (7.67), respectively. Bucior's time in the preliminaries qualified him for the finals where he placed sixth (6.75). Bucior also competed in the men's 200 meter dash (23.59) where he also placed sixth and was joined by Falcone and senior Solomon Isom. Falcone placed

24 (24.44) with Isom on his heels, placing 25 (24.46).

"In the 55 I felt pretty good," Bucior said. "I'm getting better at my starts. I'm working on my block work and getting out of the blocks quicker, getting my running technique down the straightaway cleaner and running more straight up. In the 200, I'm running on my toes rather than my heels and coming out of the blocks harder."

Freshman Nate MacNabb added another sixth place finish in the men's 800 meter run (2:00.98) and raced alongside teammates Henry Potter who placed 20 (2:04.17), sophomore Mason Teribury who placed 34 (2:09.21) and freshmen Glendon Zimmerman who placed 49 (2:12.42).

In ninth place for the women's 55 meter dash preliminaries, Abbie Waltz ran 9.64 as the sole Mansfield participant in the race and Anastasia Canfield rounded out the top ten finishes with a tenth place spot in the women's high jump (4-09.75).

Several other Mansfield athletes participated in Saturday's events. In the men's one mile run, Joe Stanek took 12 (4:38.61), Tyler Prokop took 16 (4:41.45), Kevin Cusworth took 27 (4:43.62) and not far behind was Chris Bogenschutz in 29 (4:43.82).

Four Mansfield runners participated in the women's 800 meter run. Irene Primmer placed 16 (2:34.18), Brittney



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Erica Ferguson placed third in the women's long jump (16-07.25) and eighth in the women's 55 meter dash (7.67) at the Susquehanna University Indoor Invitational.

Capsello placed 37 (2:40.09), Jessica Wagner placed 40 (2:43.63) and Sara Vivona placed 48 (2:53.81).

Lastly, Scott Wilt brought the Mountaineer men to the finish line in the men's 5000 meter run. Wilt placed 34 (17:40.23), followed by John McDonnell in 36 (17:49.36) and Brady Finogle in 38 (18:22.17).

Mansfield's next indoor track meet is at the CTC (Collegiate Track Conference) Championships in New Haven, CT, Feb. 14-15.

## Guest editorial: the side effects of A-Rod's anabolic steroid allegations

By SHANE CHAPMAN

*Special to the Flashlight*

As a sports fanatic, I seem to keep finding myself being let down by some of the best athletes in the world due to steroids. From Marion Jones, Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds, and now the one that may hurt the worst, Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez. Through all of the allegations with Barry Bonds, I always told myself that A-Rod would never stoop to this level. He's "too good" of an athlete. As I saw the breaking news scroll across the bottom of my screen that there are positive 2003 tests from A-Rod, the sports fan inside me sunk and I found myself having a hard time believing in anyone.

Allegations are that Rodriguez was one of 104 athletes that tested positive for an anabolic steroid, but at the time there were

no penalties, so the information was never released. Now these tests have been released and the sports nation finds themselves in shock. We find ourselves questioning every athlete that steps onto the playing field. I find myself feeling lied to personally.

In 2007, A-Rod appeared on "60 Minutes" and told the world that he "never felt overmatched," stating that he had never taken any illegal drugs to boost his performance. I was watching that interview, and I remember saying to myself "I believe him. He's the greatest hitter to play the game, there's no way." Thanks for proving me wrong A-Rod. He was a grown, mature man who knew that he had taken those drugs. I don't know how anyone could put their face out there like that and put their credibility on the line. To really

think that those tests were going to stay secret forever is a ridiculous thought - something he must have believed was going to happen.

Athletes are ruining their own credibility. I want to believe that baseball is still America's past time. I don't think that after these allegations, I will ever be able to think this again. When I watch an athlete stand up and say they have never taken any illegal performance enhancing drugs, I hear them already admitting their fault. I no longer believe athletes. I've grown up my entire life around sports and looking up to athletes as role models, people to model my own life after.

No matter what the outcome, A-Rod's legendary status will forever be tainted as a cheater, someone who didn't feel he could keep up and someone who tried to get an edge on

the competition without hard work. Let's keep teaching the younger generations that hard work isn't enough. I hope parents from all over the world are directing their children's attention in another direction when looking for role models today. Who knows when athletes are lying to the children?

Let's hope that there was a mistake made - that this "evidence" was nothing but false allegations. A-Rod was supposed to be the next home run king - the man to pass Barry Bonds. Bonds' own name could be taken out of the record books if convicted. A-Rod was supposed to be the last person to reach those kind of home run numbers. Now it seems like no one will ever, genuinely reach those kind of home run numbers. Don't worry Hank, I think you're safe up there at the top.

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## Women's basketball picks up first PSAC win of the season

By ANTHONY DARIO

*Special to the Flashlight*

The Mansfield University women's basketball team won their first Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) game this past week against Bloomsburg University before falling to Shippensburg University on Saturday.

The team's 52-46 win over Bloomsburg on Wednesday night ended the team's nine game losing streak. Bloomsburg University was 0-6 going into the game just like Mansfield University, but Mansfield came out to play. Courtney Brooks had nine points and five steals in the first 20 minutes of the game, stretching the score at the end of the half to 24-17 despite Bloomsburg's Lauren Healy hitting at three-pointer at the buzzer.

The team kept up the same energy in the second half with both teams entering with a sense of urgency. At the 16:02 mark in the second half, Mallory Moore put in a layup to extend the lead to 13 and make the score 32-19.

The Mountaineers couldn't hold onto the lead however. With less than four minutes to play, Kelsey Gallagher, a freshman at Bloomsburg, hit a two-point jumper to take the lead 39-38. But Mansfield would not let this one slip. They came back with the collective efforts of Courtney Brooks, Rebecca Pollack and Clarissa Correll who combined for a total of 12 points in the last three minutes of play.

Chelsea Tracy, a freshman guard on the team, felt that the game gave the team some new found optimism.

"It was a great game," Tracy said. "It gave us hope for the rest of the season." Brooks led the team with 16 points

and eight steals against Bloomsburg while Moore, Correll and Pollack contributed with eight points each.

After the win on Wednesday, the girls traveled to Shippensburg University where they took on the Lady Raiders.

Brooks again would have another big performance, starting the game off with a steal and a layup and setting the tempo for the game. The Mountaineers then came out firing as they started the game on a 12-2 run. The Red Raiders staged a comeback, however, and at the 3:58 mark in the first half, they were all tied up 19-19. The score wouldn't stick though, as Correll took over the rest of the half with four points and three assists. The score at half was 26-22 in favor of Mansfield.

The second half was a different story. Despite only having nine points in the first half, sophomore Kasey Gardner started to catch fire and ended the night with 20 points. Mansfield only scored 24 points in the second half compared to Shippensburg's 37 and couldn't hold onto the lead and allowed Shippensburg to earn the 59-50 win.

Mansfield moved to 1-7 in the PSAC while Shippensburg moved to 5-3. Mansfield is currently 0-2 against the Red Raiders this season.

Despite the loss, redshirted sophomore Nicole Pender had positive things to say about her team.

"I love the way we have played the last games," Pender said. "We have been good competition the last four out of five games."

Mansfield's next game is against Cheyney University on senior night Saturday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m..

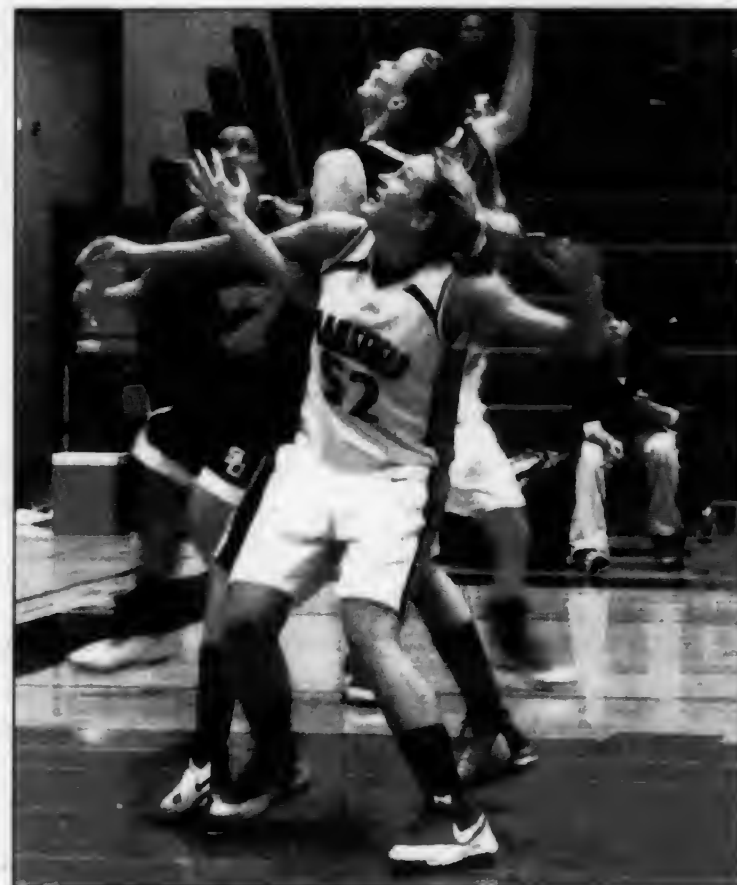


PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY

Freshman Rebecca Pollack had eight points, two blocks and five rebounds during the team's first PSAC win against Bloomsburg University on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

## Coming up in Mountie Sports

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| 19<br>- Swimming @ PSAC Championships (Cumberland Valley High School) | 20<br>- Swimming @ PSAC Championships (Cumberland Valley High School) | 21<br>- Women's basketball @ West Chester University, 1 p.m.<br>- Men's basketball @ West Chester University, 3 p.m.<br>- Swimming @ PSAC Championships (Cumberland Valley High School)<br>- Track & Field @ Cornell/Kent State | 22<br>- Swimming @ PSAC Championships (Cumberland Valley High School) | 23     | 24      | 25<br>- Women's basketball @ Bloomsburg University, 5:30 p.m.<br>- Men's basketball @ Bloomsburg University, 7:30 p.m.       |



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High- 35°F  
Overnight Low- 17°F  
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## Classic fairy tales will come alive at Mansfield University during Into the Woods performances

By KEVIN WRIGHT  
*Flashlight Writer*

Classic fairy tales are given a new twist as Mansfield University presents Stephen Sondheim's "Into The Woods," Feb. 19-21 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium.

Inspired by the timeless tales of the Brothers Grimm, "Into The Woods" tells the story of a baker and his wife who journey into the woods on a quest to lift a witch's curse. On the way they cross paths with Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and the Beanstalk), Cinderella and a menagerie of other fairy tale characters. They each pursue individual wishes until their stories become entangled in unexpected ways, revealing that happily ever after isn't necessarily so happy after all.

In 1988, "Into The Woods" swept the Tony Awards, winning 10 categories, including Best Musical. Among the original Broadway cast was Bernadette Peters, who starred as the witch. The original Broadway



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"Into the Woods" is a musical inspired by the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. The musical will be showing Feb. 19-21 at Mansfield University in Straughn Auditorium

production was Sondheim's second-longest running show (behind *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*). It was revived on Broadway in 2002 and starred Vanessa Williams as the witch.

Stephen Sondheim and librettist James Lapine have woven together these treasured fairy tales in a way that appeals to children of all ages. "Into The Woods" has been described as "witty enough to make old stories fresh for adults, lovely enough to enchant youngsters."

The Mansfield University production is designed and directed by Michael Crum, with music direction by Sheryl Monkelien, both faculty members at Mansfield University. Guest scenic artist Brian Rance has created a magical world that parallels the wickedly witty score of Stephen Sondheim.

Tickets for the Mansfield University production of "Into The Woods" can be purchased in advance at [music.mansfield.edu](http://music.mansfield.edu) or at the door. Adults, \$12; seniors and children, \$7; Mansfield University Students with ID \$4.

## Mansfield students battle winter blues at winter festival

By JAMIE CURTIS  
*Flashlight Writer*

The Mansfield Activities Council (Mac) sponsored a winter festival on Feb. 10 from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. in the Kelchner Fitness Center.

The event was sponsored by student activities fees. Activities included various games and crafts, as well as an "iceless" skating rink, a chocolate fountain, a bear factory, snow globes, photos, snow cones and pizza, etc. MAC is a student organization, whose mission is to plan campus events such as concerts, lectures, etc.

"I feel the event was a complete success. I would estimate about 500 people showed up through out the night," MAC president Meredith Bennett said. "We had one festival in the fall that was also very successful, so we wanted to do a winter theme with Valentines Day incorporated." This is the first year MAC has hosted this event and they plan to do it again next year. "We take suggestions [for campus events] at our meetings and vote on them. We also get a lot of different ideas from attending conferences," Bennett said. MAC meets on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. in 317 Alumni Hall.

Kylie Flint is a first year student at Mansfield University. "It [winter festival] was well advertised and there seemed like there were going to be a lot of fun activities," Flint said. "I liked the flipbook and photo booth

because they are things to keep and remember... I would suggest that MAC does more weekend activities..."

"I thought the ice skating rink was pretty cool," Mansfield University senior Patricia Hall said. "When you're in college, students don't have a lot of money, it is great to be able to go do activities and not have to pay. Its something you can do with all of your friends."



PHOTO BY AMY DODSON

One of the many activities at the winter festival included an iceless skating rink.

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Weekly  
Weather

## TODAY

Snow  
Showers

High: 35 Low: 17

## FRIDAY

Snow  
Showers

High: 29 Low: 17

## SATURDAY

Snow  
Showers

High: 30 Low: 18

## SUNDAY

Snow  
Showers

High: 27 Low: 15

## MONDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 31 Low: 18

## TUESDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 31 Low: 22

## WEDNESDAY

Snow  
showers

High: 33 Low: 26

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-Mansfield University is hosting The Real Group, the premier a capella vocal jazz ensemble in the world, on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Mansfield University students may pick up free tickets at the Student Activities Office on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make sure and bring your ID. If you don't know who they are check them out on YouTube! General Admission Is \$20 and tickets can be purchased at music.mansfield.edu or at the door.

-Mansfield University is presenting Stephen Sondheim's classic musical *Into The Woods* on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 19-21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m., in Straughn Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$7 for seniors/children; and \$4 for Mansfield University students with ID. You can purchase tickets online at music.mansfield.edu or at the door. The Straughn Hall ticket booth will be open every day from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. for the campus and community to purchase tickets in advance. To learn more about the show go to the web site <http://mansfield.edu/into-the-woods/>

-In conjunction with Black History Month and the 50 Anniversary of Motown, there will be a salute to Motown on Thurs. Feb 19 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Hut. The opening will contain all of the legendary songs from Tina Turner, and the ending will consist of songs from Diana Ross & The Supremes. Catch everything else in between including pizza, wings and beverages. Come out for a night of good dancing and good listening music. The event is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, Black Students Union, Mansfield International Student Organization & Mansfield Activities Council.

-Do you have emergency medical training? CPR & First Aid Training? Lifeguard? Ski Patrol Member? Firefighter? Nursing? We are looking for individuals who would be able to assist in a medical shuttle for university students for return trips from the hospital or from doctors appointments. The university is purchasing a vehicle for use so personnel vehicles won't be needed. So as long as you have a drivers license and are approved as a driver for the service there will be no expenses to you other than a little bit of time. We are looking for a group of students who would be placed on a rotating list to be called upon to provide this service which as of right now is projected at a couple of times a month. The student would be reimbursed for their time based on a per trip basis a flat rate. If you are interested in more information please forward your name and contact information to [jwelch@mansfield.edu](mailto:jwelch@mansfield.edu) so that we can begin the application process. This is a student funded project staffed by students to directly benefit students. Also you may call 570-662-4906 for more information.

## 'WINTER FEST'

Mansfield junior Jon Yard came to the winter festival with a more personal goal in mind. "It will be Valentine's Day soon. That was my motivation for making the picture frame and snow globe," Yard said. "Everyone here seems to be enjoying themselves and having a good time. Usually the ones who don't like this sort of thing just don't show up. They don't know what it is like really."

Other upcoming MAC events include a country concert and Spring Fling.

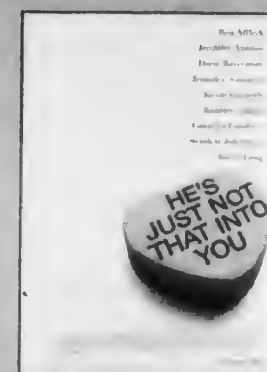
## Entertainment Corner



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## Hot 100 from 1996:

- 1.) Los Del Rio - Macarena (Bayside Boys Mix)
- 2.) Mariah Carey feat. Boys II Men - One Sweet Day
- 3.) Celine Dion - Because You Loved Me
- 4.) The Tony Rich Project - Nobody Knows
- 5.) Mariah Carey - Always Be My Baby



Courtesy of imdb.com

## Hot Movies:

- 1.) Friday the 13th - R, Jared Padalecki
- 2.) He's Just Not That Into You - PG-13, Ben Affleck
- 3.) Taken - PG-13, Liam Neeson
- 4.) Coralline - PG, Dakota Fanning
- 5.) Confessions of a Shopaholic - PG, Isla Fisher



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## Mansfield Professor Appointed to State Board

Nancy Sidell, director of the Mansfield University Social Work program and chair of the Social Work, Anthropology and Sociology Department, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors by Governor Ed Rendell.

The appointment required the approval of the State Senate. Sidell will serve a four-year term.

The board is comprised of 13 members, five of which five are social workers. The role of the board is to oversee the licensing process for social workers, therapists and counselors.



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Nancy Sidell has been at Mansfield University for 10 years.

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## Swedish a capella The Real Group to perform at Mansfield

The Real Group, considered by many to be the premier a capella vocal ensemble in the world, will perform in concert at Mansfield University's Straughn Auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Voted "World's Best Vocal Group" by the Contemporary A Capella Society of America, The Real Group has developed a unique vocal style throughout their 25 year history, singing a mix of jazzy vocal music that sometimes leans toward folk and sometimes toward pop music.

The Swedish group has performed with an array of global artists including Bobby McFerrin, Barbara Hendricks, Van Morrison, and ABBA's Fried and Toots Thielemans.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 and can be purchased in advance at [music.mansfield.edu](http://music.mansfield.edu) or at the door. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. on the night of the concert.

Mansfield University students with ID will be admitted free but must pick up tickets in advance at the Student Activities Office, Alumni Hall, Room 324, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

While at Mansfield, members of The Real Group will give a workshop with The Mansfieldians on Tuesday, February 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The workshop is free and open to the public.

The Real Group's appearance is sponsored by the Music Department, Mansfield University Collegiate Music Educators National Conference (CMENC) and is supported by student activities fees.



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The Real Group is a professional a cappella group from Sweden, consisting of five members: soprano Emma Nilsson, alto Katarina Henryson, tenor Anders Edenroth, baritone Peder Karlsson, and bass Anders Jalkéus.

## Word on the Street What do you like/dislike about campus events?



"I have noticed that events have been more geared towards the general public lately. Things seem more organized, and the quality of events have improved."  
- Ashley Hardt, Senior



"I think the events are good this year. I liked the winter festival. I'd like to see more concerts geared towards the whole community"  
- Shannon Orehek, Junior



"There really hasn't been anything I'm interested in. Other than basketball, this campus is dead. I think we're spending our money on nothing."  
-Will Williams, Freshman

# Symphony Orchestra performs to impressed audience at Steadman Theatre

By JODI WRUBEL  
Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra played a concert in Steadman Theatre on Sunday, February 15, 2009.

The orchestra, consisting of over 45 musicians, was under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Jacobsen. Even though it is only Jacobsen's first year at Mansfield University, he has already made an impact on the students. "Dr. Jacobsen is a well organized, supportive and easy-going director," said cellist Austin Carter, "He is always encouraging us to do our best and it is always a pleasure to work with him."

The concert began with the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" arranged by Peter Breiner.

Following this were four pieces, each coming from different composers of the Romantic Era.

The first piece was "The Hebrides Overture" composed by Felix Mendelssohn. This particular selection had flute, trumpet and other instrumental features. "I found this song very intense and full of emotion within its phrases," attendee Amanda Hobler said, "It gave me chills."

"Intermezzo" from the opera *Cavaleria Rusticana*, by Pietro Mascagni was performed next. *Cavaleria Rusticana* was Mascagni's first opera he had composed and this was what shaped him into one of the most important and famous Italian composers of the 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century. Only woodwinds and string instruments



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The Mansfield University symphony orchestra performs classical masterworks, light classics, pops, and contemporary compositions in addition to accompanying soloists who are winners of the annual Student Solo Competition.

were used for this piece.

The piece that was played before intermission included three movements and was entitled "Sigurd Jorsalfar Suite" composed by Edvard Grieg. Originally this was a five movement piece but Grieg only published three reduced movements. French horns were featured in this piece along with trumpets and clarinets.

Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 "Reformation" was performed after intermission. "Reformation" is one of Mendelssohn's less-known symphonies. It was completed in 1831 and was not published until 1868.

After the Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra completed their concert they received a standing ovation which led to their encore, "Firebird."

The concert lasted two hours long and left the audience impressed and entertained. "I thought it was a very moving performance," Hobler said.

"It showcased what wonderful talent there is here at Mansfield University."

The musicians in the symphony enjoyed the concert just as much. "It is an amazing feeling to play such challenging pieces of music and be part of a group with as much dedication and skill as the Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra," Carter said.

Jacobsen was proud of the students and how they performed that afternoon. "They played these pieces with maturity and enthusiasm," Jacobsen said. "My favorite piece to conduct depends on what I am conducting. Whichever piece I am conducting at the moment becomes my favorite."

## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

| Thursday                                                                                                       | Friday                                                                                   | Saturday                                                                                     | Sunday                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                                                           | Wednesday          |
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| 19<br>~8 p.m. Into the Woods-Straughn Theatre<br>~8 p.m. Salute to 50 Anniversary of Motown Records at The HUT | 20<br>~7 p.m. SAO Ice Skating Bus Trip to Corning<br>- Mansfield University Students \$5 | 21<br>~10 a.m. -12 p.m. PHEAA workshop-South Hall, G12 (How to complete financial aid forms) | 22<br>~2 p.m. In the woods-Straughn Theatre<br>~3 p.m. Binghamton Youth Symphony<br>~7 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert | 23<br>~8 p.m. Janet Ahlquist, "Keyed Up For Winter" Recital                | 24<br>~1:30 p.m. The Real Group clinic with the Mansfieldians Steadman Theatre<br>~7:30 p.m. The Real Group - Straughn Auditorium | 25                 |
| 26<br>-Spring Break                                                                                            | 27<br>-Spring Break                                                                      | 28<br>-Spring Break                                                                          | March 1<br>-Spring Break                                                                                           | 2<br>-Spring Break<br>10 a.m. -4 p.m. Burlington County Education Job Fair | 3<br>-Spring Break<br>~6 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Annual Diversity Recruitment Fair for prospective teachers and administrators.           | 4<br>-Spring Break |



# News in a flash

## Burger King employees get in a pickle



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Goldman Sachs Capital Partners owns about 25% of Burger King.

By DAN MASON

Flashlight Advisor

Hold the pickle. Hold the lettuce. Special orders don't upset us. All we ask is that you let us have it your way. Instead, Goldman-Sachs is having it all their way.

Goldman-Sachs bought Burger King in 2002.

According to Brave New films, the average Burger King employee earns \$14,000/year. Health and human services says that a family of four needed \$21,200 to survive in 2008.

Fortunately, the folks at Goldman-Sachs had 6.5 billion taxpayer dollars to give their employees as end-of-year bonuses.

Burger King employees were delighted to learn that \$6.5 billion, split among all the Burger King employees amounted to \$18,000/employee. Fortunately for the economy, Goldman-Sachs didn't distribute the money to any Burger King employees. The whole \$6.5 billion went to Goldman-Sachs financial staff.



## Obama signs stimulus plan

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

President Obama signed the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law on Tuesday, but said he was aware that there is still a long road ahead.

"Today does not mark the end of our economic troubles," Obama said before signing the bill at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. "But it does mark the beginning of the end - the beginning of what we need to do to create jobs for Americans scrambling in the wake of layoffs; to provide relief for families

worried they won't be able to pay next month's bills; and to set our economy on a firmer foundation."

Getting the law passed was the easy part though. It will be more difficult to figure out whether the legislation's trademark initiatives are really working.

So how will people know if it's working? The president and economists say the biggest way to tell will be an improvement in the jobs department.

"That's bottom-line number one, because if people are working, then they've got enough confidence to make purchases, to make investments," Obama said last week before the bill was passed. "Businesses start seeing that consumers are out there with a little more confidence, and they start making investments, which means they start hiring workers. So step number one, job creation."

With the passing of this stimulus plan, the White House predicts that 3.5 million jobs will be created or saved over the next two years and over 90 percent of them will be in the private sector.

"It will be difficult to gauge the economic benefit of stimulus since we won't know ... how the economy would have performed without stimulus. Indeed I expect the economy to lose another 3 million jobs with stimulus but over 4 million without it," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com, whose research was relied upon by lawmakers to make the case for the economic recovery package.

Another question Zandi said he will look at is to see whether job losses have begun to decline by fall of 2009.

"A key benchmark will be this fall. If stimulus is working as expected then monthly job losses should be closer to 250,000 per month, down from over 500,000 currently," Zandi said.

The ability to create or save jobs will depend in great part on business confidence. That's why, in addition to employment measures, Rich Yamarone, director of economic research at Argus Research, will keep an eye on small-business confidence measures such as those put out by the National Federation of Independent Business.

Another sign of whether the rescue is working: people spending money for activities like casino gambling and dining out, Yamarone said.

"When consumers start to feel better about their personal financial situation and employment prospects, they pick up the pace of spending - that usually extends to the discretionary items as well," Yamarone said.

Ultimately, even though every factor of the stimulus plan is possible to be successful, it will still be hard to issue a final verdict on whether the package has/is working because its success is dependent on the success of other recovery efforts, such as the program for stemming foreclosures that Obama is expected to lay out on Wednesday.

## Man beheads wife after she files for divorce

By JAMIE CURTIS

Flashlight Writer

Muzzammil Hassan, founder of Islamic TV station (Bridges TV) in upstate New York, confessed to beheading his wife last week.

Hassan was arrested Thursday and charged with second degree murder after police found the body of wife Aasiya Hassan, at the Bridges TV station in the Buffalo suburb of Orchard Park. "His wife filed for divorce February 6, and police had responded to several domestic violence calls at the couple's home," Orchard Park Police Chief Andrew Benz said.

Hassan went to the police station and confessed right after his wife's death. The couple had two children ages four and six. His wife also had two children from a previous marriage.

Hassan started Bridges TV in 2004. The main purpose of the show was aimed at countering negative perceptions of Muslims in the United States, especially after the 9/11 attacks. The station's staff is "deeply shocked and saddened by the murder of Aasiya Hassan and the subsequent arrest of Muzzammil Hassan," a statement from Bridges TV said.



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Muzzammil Hassan told police he left the body and the head of his wife at his media company, Bridges TV,

**Have a question for University President Maravene Loeschke or Student Government Association President Shantee Proctor? Ask them anything you want regarding campus issues, events, etc, in a new section titled "Prez Says" E-mail questions to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu), and see your comments and concerns published!**

# horoscopes

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**ARIES****March 21-April 19**

Sometimes you have to show your friends how easy it is to change. Figure out some new thing you want to try and then make it happen -- at least some folks ought to follow along just to see what's up.

**CANCER****June 22-July 22**

It's a little tougher than usual for you to get into the flow of work or even your social life -- but you can at least poke along and let others take the lead. Try to stick to small projects.

**LIBRA****September 23-October 22**

Something almost throws you off balance, but your natural poise helps you keep both feet on the ground. If anything, you might very well end up pushing forward at greater speed than before!

**CAPRICORN****December 22-January 19**

You're a machine today, no matter what you're doing. You're well suited for repetitive tasks at work, but even brainstorming or redecorating can be made more efficient if you have any say in the matter.

**TAURUS****April 20-May 20**

You get some slightly disappointing news today, probably before quitting time, but you shouldn't let it lead you into despair. It's one of those things that can lead to something much nicer.

**LEO****July 23-August 22**

It's the best day for you to try pushing the envelope or getting folks to explore new options. You have some great personal energy to work with and most others should want to follow along.

**SCORPIO****October 23 - November 21**

You feel like a face in the crowd today, which is just how you want it to be! For the time being, just go along with the will of the people and try not to worry about your own needs.

**AQUARIUS****January 20-February 18**

Your talent for managing and organizing people may not be utterly consistent -- but when you're on, you're really on! Today is great for getting people at work to converge on a common goal.

**GEMINI****May 21-June 21**

You're operating on a deeper level romantically or in terms of your family and you feel great about your new role. It's a good day for you to try something a little bit different around the house.

**VIRGO****August 23-September 22**

Your parents or some other older relative needs your attention. It could just be a phone call or it may turn into something long-term, so make sure you're ready for anything. It's worth it!

**SAGITTARIUS****November 22-December 21**

Show your friends and coworkers that there's nothing to fight about. You've got more goodwill than a platoon of ambassadors and should be able to get folks talking again, even if they said they never would.

**PISCES****February 19-March 20**

You have to keep your eyes open today or you're likely to miss the most important clue of the month. If you're paying attention, you should see something that can really pay off for you in the near future.

## Environmental Facts of the Week

- 1). Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours -- or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.
- 2). Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour - most of them are thrown away!
- 3). A modern glass bottle would take 4,000 years or more to decompose -- and even longer if it is in the landfill.
- 4). A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water.
- 5). The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail.

The above facts were taken directly from the Students Environmental Advisory Council of North Dakota State University. Visit their web site at [http://www.seac150m.com/fun\\_facts.html](http://www.seac150m.com/fun_facts.html)

## This day in history: February 19, 1847

On this day in 1847, the first rescuers reach surviving members of the Donner Party, a group of California-bound emigrants stranded by snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

In the summer of 1846, in the midst of a Western-bound fever sweeping the United States, 89 people--including 31 members of the Donner and Reed families--set out in a wagon train from Springfield, Illinois. After arriving at Fort Bridger, Wyoming, the emigrants decided to avoid the usual route and try a new trail recently blazed by California promoter Lansford Hastings. After electing George Donner as their captain, the party departed Fort Bridger in mid-July. The shortcut was nothing of the sort; it set the Donner Party back nearly three weeks and cost them supplies. They finally reached the Sierra Nevada Mountains in early October. Despite the lateness of the season, the emigrants continued to press on, and on Oct. 28 they camped at Truckee Lake, located in the mountains 21 kilometers northwest of Lake Tahoe. Overnight, an early winter storm blanketed the ground with snow, blocking the mountain pass and trapping the Donner Party.

Most of the group stayed near the lake, now known as Donner Lake, while the Donner family and others made camp six miles away at Alder Creek. Building makeshift tents out of their wagons and killing their oxen for food, they hoped for a thaw that never came. Fifteen of the stronger emigrants, later known as the Forlorn Hope, set out west on snowshoes for Sutter's Fort near San Francisco on Dec. 16. Three weeks later, after harsh weather and lack of supplies killed several of the expedition and forced the others to resort to cannibalism, seven survivors reached a Native American village.

News of the stranded Donner Party traveled fast to Sutter's Fort, and a rescue party set out on Jan. 31. Arriving at Donner Lake 20 days later, they found the camp completely snowbound and the surviving emigrants delirious with relief at their arrival. Three more rescue parties arrived to help, but the return to Sutter's Fort proved equally harrowing, and the last survivors didn't reach safety until late April. Of the 89 original members of the Donner Party, only 45 reached California. - *Courtesy of History.com*



# Grammy fashions were more fizzles than sizzle

By **KIMBERLEE BLOCKER**

*Flashlight Fashion Writer*

During the Grammys, there was talk of the winners, the losers, who should've have won, a possible future offender and a presumed battered victim. One thing that is certain is the annual anticipation of the red carpet fashion was cut short due to breaking news. This could have very well been because the fashion at the 51st Grammy Awards was less than satisfactory.

Not one celebrity gracing the red carpet caught my eye in a good way. I counted more female celebrities on the worst dressed list than I have fingers and toes.

What I can say is the females were outdone by the males this year, with the exception of T-Pain, who seemed to have taken the fabric he wore from his grandmother's couch.

One of the celebrities who did catch my eye on a second look was country singer Carrie Underwood. Underwood wore a sparkly form fitting gold Greek goddess inspired dress by Zuhair Murad. Her dress was accented by vertical strips of sequins on a sheer layer underneath. The color was gorgeous on her skin and was appropriate for the occasion.

Katy Perry surprised me with a soft pink strapless by Basil Soda. The dress gave her a soft, girly and elegant look, which was a far cry from the short shorts and corsets she's seen in. Elaborately pleated and well accessorized with diamonds, the dress was a hit even with the oversized bow exploding out from her waist.

Taylor Swift wasn't my favorite, but I do admire her simplicity. Taylor wore a simple black empire waist dress from Kaufman Franco and kept it safe with Lorraine Swartz jewelry. Sometimes keeping it simple and safe is better than over the top, someone relay the message to Paula Abdul, but I will explain later.

Rapper T.I., who is forever stylish, is my top pick for the males for the night. T.I. wore a tan suit jacket, which not many men can not pull off, accented with white and gold. With such style and grace, T.I. always seems to stand out and be the best dressed of the males at any awards show.

The little crooners, who have been a big hit with the young girls, the Jonas Brothers impressed me yet again. Instead of wearing bright colors or being undressed, the boys all wore black suits with their own touches of individuality. Nick Jonas chose to wear an all black suit with all black accessories. Joe Jonas decided on black on a black suit with a white undershirt and a black bow tie. Instead of the usual suit jacket, Joe decided to pick a jacket with a little glimmer and shine.



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Katy Perry was the surprise of the night; the usually outlandishly dressed singer opted for a strapless pink Basil Soda gown with diamond accessories.



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The Jonas Brothers didn't disappoint their scream tween fans when they showed up on the red carpet in classic black suits. The dapper trio later gave an awkward performance with singing legend Stevie Wonder.

Although it was a bold move, it was a good move. Finally, Kevin Jonas wore the traditional black tie affair suit. The usual black suit pants and jacket with a white undershirt and black bow tie show some traditions never die.

Maroon 5's lead singer Adam Levine was also on my list of best dressed. Levine wore the usual black suit, exchanging the loose leg with the form fitting straight leg pants that is in for male fashion. His suit jacket fit close to his small frame and was accessorized with a white shirt, unbuttoned at the top and a silver scarf instead of the standard black tie or bow.

These celebrities may have been praised for their wise fashion decisions, but some others should have been escorted off the premises. Sheryl Crow wore a multi-shaded blue gown by Toni Maticevski that just draped on her body. There was no substance to the dress and the train was so long she continuously stepped on it. Also, black shoes with silver accessories? Absolutely not Ms. Crow! Get rid of the black shoes and if that horrid dress had to be worn, pair it with silver shoes accented in diamonds.

Bai Ling wore a printed mini dress with pinks, greens, purples, yellows and all colors that shouldn't be in a single dress together, topped off with a huge bright pink bow. Bai Ling, are we going to an Easter party or attending the Grammys?

Finally, the worst dressed of them all is Paula Abdul. Paula Abdul graced the red carpet with a yellow train wreck of a dress. The dress was pleated and ornamented with a tacky, outrageous gold shoulder piece and belt. To add to the Big Bird inspired dress, Paula wore a stiff updo accessorized by, well, more gold. Someone show please show Ms. Abdul how to get to Sesame Street.

The fashion may have been terrible, but the actual awards show was entertaining. Hopefully next year the celebrities put more thought into what they put on to their bodies.



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Rapper T.I. arrived on the red carpet, with girlfriend Tiny, dressed in a tan suit jacket and jeans, the perfect combination of classy and casual.



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Paula Abdul's canary yellow gown did little to impress. The dressed was designed by Basil Soda, the same designer as Katy Perry's pink gown, but unfortunately the American Idol judge's dress did not have the same stunning results.

# Conquer campus boredom with skiing, shopping and more

By DAVID SARGEANT

*Special to the Flashlight*

Bored? Finding weekends in Mansfield too slow paced and unexciting? Believe it or not, Tioga County is rich in culture, history, state parks and other things to do during the cold weather in February.

A day trip in the outdoors is the perfect solution to those winter blues. Yes, winter days can be chilly, but our area can also provide beautiful winter scenery. The Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, which during the winter has a 57 mile long trail that is perfect for cross country skiing, is located right outside of Wellsboro. Don't forget your digital camera! The Grand Canyon has scenic views of valleys and countryside. Behind Animal Land, a petting zoo near the canyon, you can climb the 125 steps to the top of a lookout tower and see over 100 miles in any direction.

For more skiing fun, check out Ski Denton located 47 miles from campus on Route 6. The ski resort has special rates for college students on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the lift only costing \$15 with an additional \$15 for ski rentals or \$12 snowboard rentals. Taking advantage of local student discounts can provide a lot of fun for less than half the price of weekend tickets. Prices during the weekend are normally \$36 for adults and weekday prices are \$25. Ski Denton has plenty of winter wonderlands to scope out with 23 snow trails and



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Mansfield is far from a metropolis, but shopping needs can be met at the Arnot Mall in Big Flats, New York.

one cross country trail. Another local favorite is Ski Sawmill, located 32 miles from Mansfield and offers the same rates as Ski Denton. Although smaller than Ski Denton with 15 trails, Ski Sawmill should not be overlooked; it has some of the best snow tubing in the area.

If you would rather escape the pace of small town Pennsylvania life, then head north to New York State. Although much smaller than King of Prussia and not as whimsical as the Carousel, the Arnot Mall in Big Flats, New York can provide enough entertainment for a Saturday. If transportation is a problem, the local EMTA Bus provides convenient service to Arnot Mall. Using the Route 70 schedule, the bus leaves from Manser Dining Hall at 10:35 a.m. Monday through Saturday and returns at 4:45 p.m. From Sears, Macy's and American Eagle to FYE, Spencer's and Hot Topic, the Arnot Mall has a store to fit your fancy.

While at the mall, take the escalator to Friendly's in the food court and have a Happy Ending Sundae before trekking back to Mansfield.

If you are more into movies than shopping, the mall is home to Regal Theaters with 10 screens to watch the latest flicks. Before heading home, swing over to Corning and go ice skating at the Nasser Civic Center Ice Rink located in Center Plaza. Even if you have bad balance, what could be more fun than taking a group and watching each other try to stay vertical? Rates at the rink are just \$3.50 with \$1.50 for rental skates.

As you can see, there are many different things to do in the area during this chilly time of the year. Just pick a direction and see where you end up.

## Cast away: Hills Creek prime location for spring fishing and more

By NICK ABEL

*Flashlight Features Writer*

As the colder months fade into the warmth of spring, students may begin shake off the winter blues. Warmer weather means more activity outdoors, but where can students go? Is there anything to do around here?

Aside from a few restaurants and bars in town, Mansfield offers little entertainment (not including the ever-exciting trip to Wal-Mart or enjoying fine dining at McDonald's). To experience anything different, students will have to venture beyond the University limits.

The creek was later dammed to form Hills Creek Lake, the man-made main attraction of the park.

The lake covers 137 acres of the park and is considered a warm water fishery. Many species of fish inhabit the water and fishing is permitted year-round. The lake is even a stop along the Bass Masters tour.

Swimming is also offered in the warmer months. A small beach is open from Memorial Day until just after Labor Day, as well as a snack bar and public bathhouse. However no lifeguards are on duty, so swimmers take a dip at their own risk.

Camping is another attraction at Hills Creek, with 102 sites available.

Visitors can choose from a number of sceneries, including open grass areas and forest regions surrounded by hemlock trees. Three cottages and ten cabins are also available to rent, for those who prefer to see the rugged outdoors without being too rugged.

While camping or swimming, visitors are likely to come across one of the many species of animals that roam the park. Beavers and wood duck are common at the lake, while black bear and white-tailed deer live

among the woods. Osprey, bald eagles and other birds of prey can also be seen soaring overhead.

Designated and marked trails cover five miles of Hills



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Hills Creek State Park is open year round and has cabin available for rental. The park is the perfect place for picnicking or barbecuing and can be reserved for events.

Creek Park, offering a great challenge for the hiking or nature enthusiast. Groundhogs, ruffed grouses and even woodpeckers can be seen along the beaten paths.

For an interesting and enlightening alternative to college life, this park can certainly foot the bill. Whether you're seeking a day-tour or a weekend experience, Hills Creek would be worth the trip.

More Information on Hills Creek State Park can be found by contacting the park:

**Hills Creek State Park**

111 Spillway Road

Wellsville, PA 16901-9676

570-724-4243

Mansfield, PA 16901-9676

For more information on Hills Creek State Park



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Hills Creek Lake is a popular attraction year round for it's fishing. Whether it's ice fishing or bass fishing the lake is a fishman's favorite.

Located in nearby Charleston township is Hills Creek State Park, a 407-acre Pennsylvania state park. The park is named after Hills Creek, which flows through the area itself.



# Guest artist creates visual wonders for "Into the Woods"

By KERRI GREWE

*Special to the Flashlight*

This spring's musical production has brought with it a special guest artist, Brian Rance. No ordinary artist, Rance specializes in backdrops, sets and props for musical theatre. His larger than life paintings are being made to adorn the Mansfield stage for this year's annual production, "Into the Woods."

Rance was raised in Hertfordshire, England and attended college at age 15. He went to school for art, specifically advertising where he became a visualizer. He was first drawn to the West in order to travel the South American and Central American countries.

He settled in a small town in Missouri, where his studio is currently located. In describing his studio, however, it is no ordinary artist's workspace; Rance has a large studio area in which to hang the backdrops that he paints.

His work experience includes working with some big names in the entertainment business. Rance has worked with Andy Williams, Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, just to name a few.

Michael Crum, director and set designer for "Into the Woods," met Rance in Missouri during a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." Crum was impressed with Rance's work and invited him to Mansfield two years ago to paint backdrops for Mansfield University's production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

When asked specifically about his work on sets for music theatre, Rance said that it has to be beautiful and still usable. "The set has to be functional; my job is to make it look good," Rance said.

Rance does not read the script, he only considers the needs of the director and lets his creative talents do the rest. "I have to remember how it is going to look in my portfolio," Rance said. When asked about his inspiration for his set designs, he stated that they come from his imagination and not from pictures or previously designed sets.

To see the work of this amazing artist, come see the finished product in the Mansfield University's production of "Into the Woods."



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER SLAUGHTER

Artist Rance believes that the set, the people and the music must all come together to make an outstanding production, "Everything in theatre is collaboration!" Rance said.

## "Five People" still inspiring

By EMILY MILLER

*Special to the Flashlight*

The novel "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom may have come out in 2003, it was not until recently did I even bother to pick up the novel to read for myself. What I found was how much the simple storyline had to offer.

The main character in this novel is a man named Edward. He is better known throughout the community as Eddie. The story begins with Eddie living and working in the same place that he has spent the better part of his life; a seaside amusement park called Ruby Pier. He is a simple man living a simple life working as a maintenance worker, fixing rides and keeping the place running smooth. He also has a bum leg, which is the result of a war injury suffered when he was a young soldier in Vietnam.

A simple, happy day at the park turns deadly when there is a problem with the innermost workings of a ride and part of the ride comes crashing down. Eddie makes a valiant attempt to save a little girl who is in the way and at the same time forfeits his own life in the process. Now Eddie finds himself in a world unlike the world he is familiar with and he knows that he is dead.

Eddie is now in a new world where five completely different people from different parts in his life are waiting for him. These people will explain his life to him, what the things that happened to him in his life meant and what the effects of his actions had on others.

The first person he meets after his death is a man who Eddie never even knew existed, but his actions had an inadvertent impact on this man's life. The second person he meets is someone who has had a large impact on his life when he was a younger man fighting a war on foreign soil. The third and fourth people whom Eddie meets shortly after he dies have both had large impacts on his life. One of them he

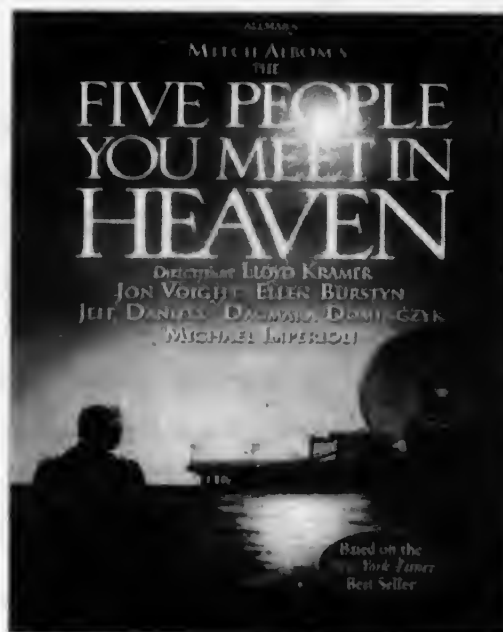


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"The Five People You Meet in Heaven" was adapted into a made for TV movie in 2004. Author Mitch Albom is also the writer of New York Times bestseller "Tuesdays With Morrie."

knows well and the other one he had never met while in life, but both have shaped him into the person he is and was before he died. The last person Eddie meets after his death is the most shocking and least expected person that could have ever entered Eddie's life, and this person will take him back to a time and place that Eddie would just as soon forget.

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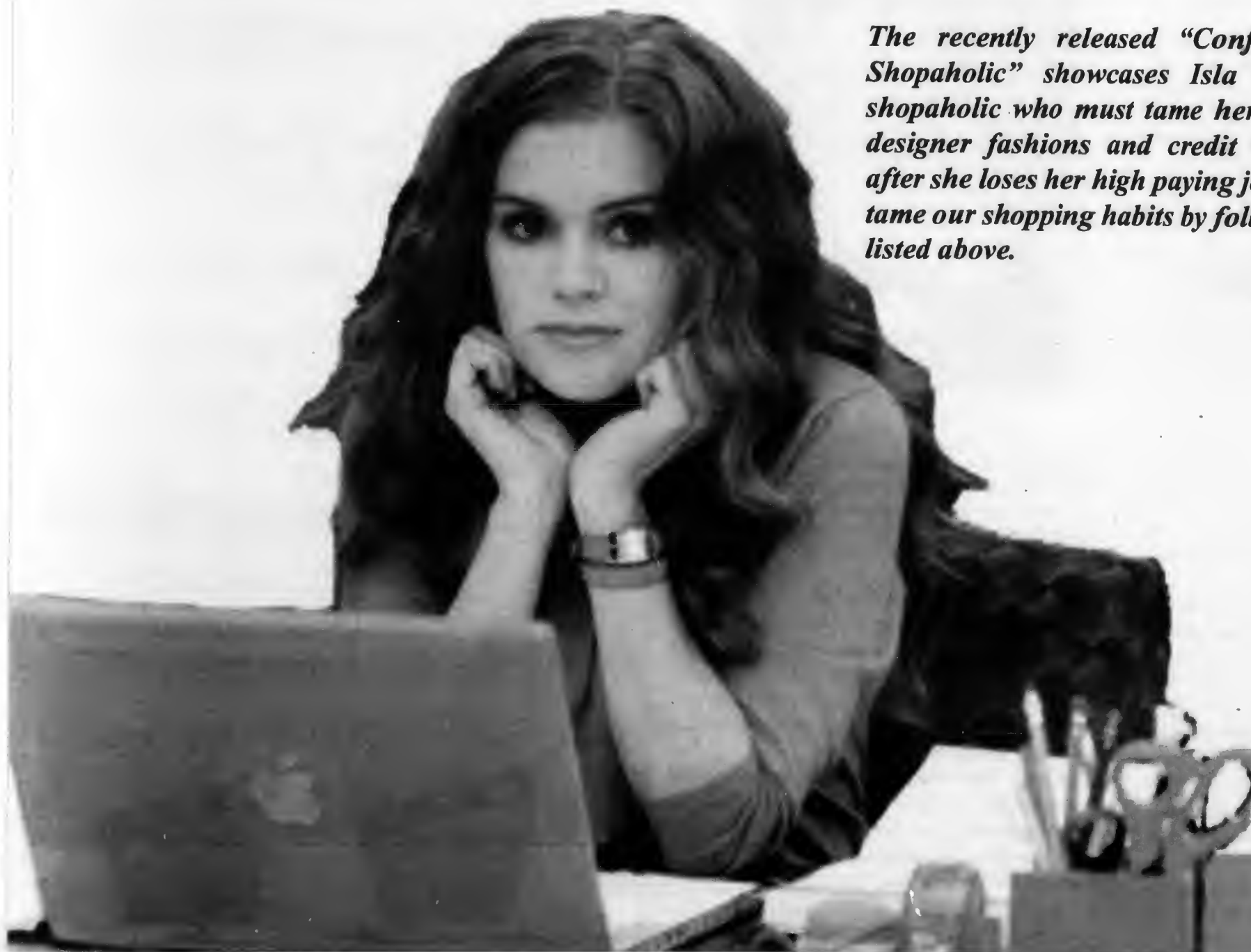
# Living on a Budget, V



## Buy Secondhand

The truth is that no one is too good for the Goodwill. The secondhand store has become well known across the entire country for its cheap and still fashionable clothing finds. It also sells secondhand furniture, home decor and lots more, making it the perfect place to find apartment necessities like dining tables and dishes. Our local Goodwill is located in Wellsboro, but to find a Goodwill in your area visit [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org). The web site also allows you to bid on Goodwill items in their Goodwill auction.

*The recently released "Confessions of a Shopaholic" showcases Isla Fisher as a shopaholic who must tame her tendency for designer fashions and credit card splurges after she loses her high paying job. We too can tame our shopping habits by following the tips listed above.*



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# When Money is Tight



## Department Deals

Department stores may get a bad rap for taking business away from small, local stores, but a deal is deal. Businesses like Kohl's, Target and T.J. Maxx have great buys on clothes, furniture and home essentials like dishes and kitchen ware, like the 16 piece set of stylish Corelle dishes to left from Target for just \$32.99. When it comes to clothing, don't overlook department stores. Many of them have similar fashions as speciality stores for half the price.

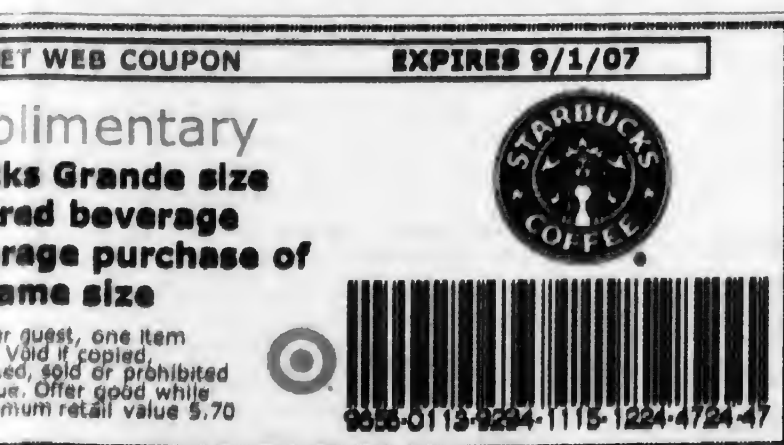


## Little Ways to Save

There are plenty of small ways to save money. Frequent shoppers card can allow you to receive discounts on pricey items like shampoos, medicine and laundry detergent. Clothing stores also give customers rewards when signing up for store credit cards, but be particular. Sign up for accounts where you shop often. Store credit cards to American Eagle and Victoria's Secret can provide card holders with exclusive discounts and even free items.

Another small way to save is to cut out Sunday coupons. Coupons are available for all items from clothing and eyewear to restaurants and beauty items. Be smart. Don't cut out one \$1 savers coupon and expect your grocery bill to go down dramatically. Combining coupons with store deals are a great way to save cash.

Buying generic instead of name brand items can save on the grocery bills. Some generic items are better than others. Be careful when buying generic batteries or electronic material because their life expectancy often isn't as long as name brand items. Generic cereals, baking supplies, and toilet paper can often yield the same results as their name brand counterparts and at half the cost.



# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

*Spring break tips to keep you out of police beats wherever you travel...*



Greetings readers! Last weekend, I went to New Orleans for a Student Government Association conference. While the group wasn't swapping ideas with student government members from around the country and enjoying informative workshops, we snuck away to get a taste of the famous Bourbon Street.

Although of course we strictly observed the wild antics that took place in the French Quarter, the experience made me wonder how much preparation travelers make before partaking in a foreign night life.

As spring break approaches, I'm sure I'm not the only one who is anxious to get away from our chilly campus and leave all my thoughts of homework and meetings behind. As you embark on exciting trips around the state, country and globe, there are a few precautions you might keep in mind.

For students who are of legal age to partake in some frosty adult sodas, first, think back to the days of

elementary school. Remember the buddy system? It may sound silly, but the buddy system can be a huge asset when sampling the local spirits in a new setting. It's fun to try a famous New Orleans Hurricane, but too many without using the buddy system might result in one saturated visitor laying in the street, or much worse.

If you are traveling out of Tioga County (which is strongly encouraged!), take the time to familiarize yourself with local laws. For instance, signs were posted along Bourbon Street explaining no open container laws and I'm sure you've heard of the traditions associated with attaining beads. Walking down the street with a bottle in one hand and no top on is permissible (although not suggested), but if an officer catches you urinating in public, expect to be spending some time behind bars.

While I'm on the topic of alcohol related recreation, (let's face it, spring break stereotypes are created for a reason), beware of the actions that may result from overindulging. If you are going to become intimately acquainted with someone new (you know what I'm talking about), be sure to use condoms. You don't want to return home with any life-long souvenirs that you don't buy from a t-shirt shop.

Throughout the entire trip, takes tons of pictures! Pictures are a great way to capture your trip and preserve it for years to come. Plus, who doesn't love reading new photo comments on Facebook?

Another common sense tip is to pack an assortment of shoes. Flip flops are great on the beach, but make sure that a back up pair of comfy shoes will be there when your feet have blisters. While you're at it, check the weather. Last weekend in New Orleans, rainy weather made wearing flats a nightmare and heels impossible. Luckily, my roommates and I had a selection (and a whole carry-on bag full in one case) of footwear.

Most importantly, have fun! Spring break is a great chance to unwind and get away from the stress of exams, have something other than Manser food and to have all of your laundry done without the use of quarters. Whether you are heading to Troy or heading to Thailand, have a blast and be safe! When you get home, you might even consider writing a story about your experience for the *Flashlight* or sending in a letter to the editor with new tips of your own.

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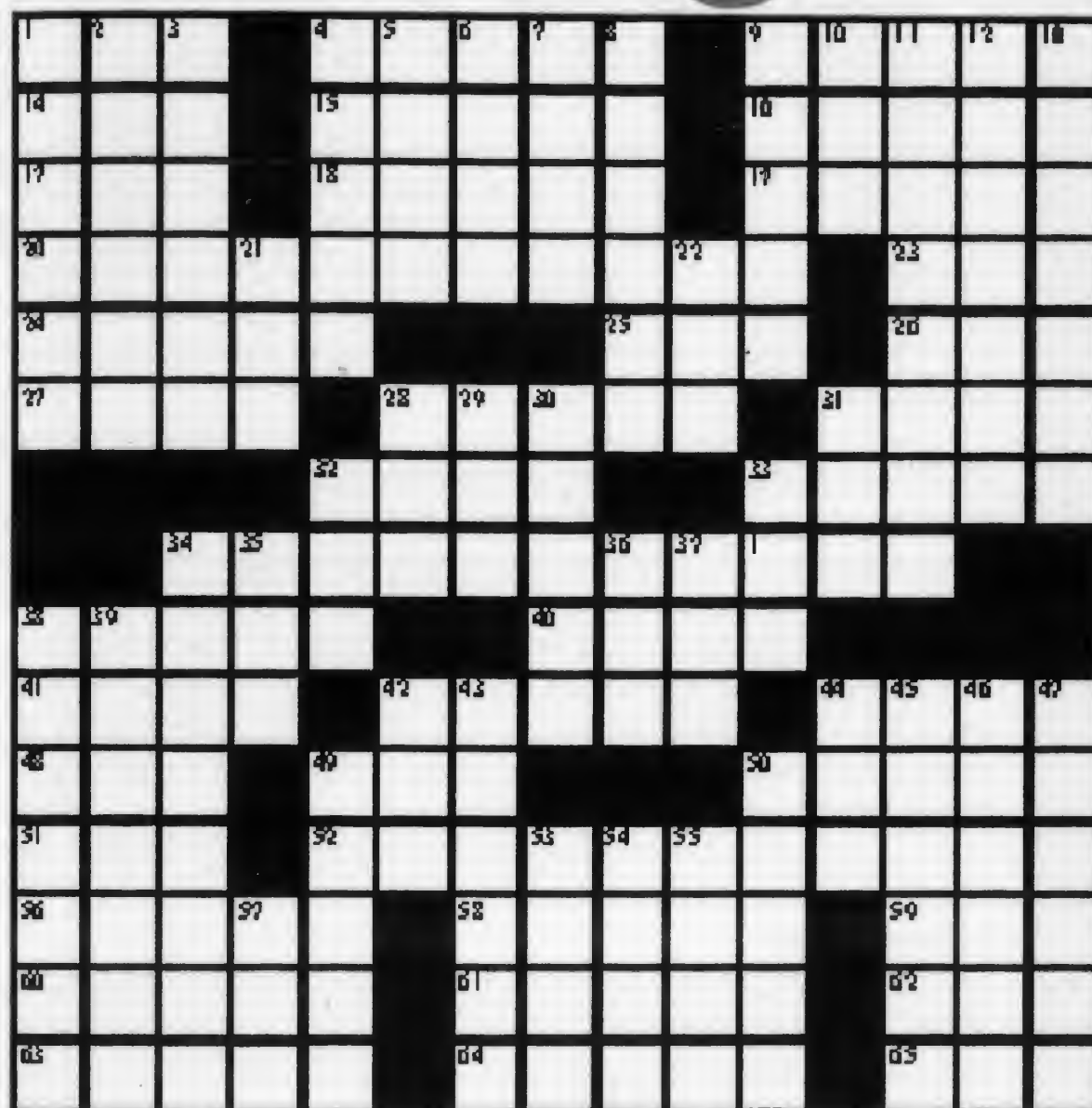
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# Flashlight Puzzle Page



## Across

1. Fire residue
4. Committee type
9. Two legged support
14. Pedal appendage
15. Requirement for zombiedom
16. Sports venue
17. Like good cheese
18. One kind of force
19. Prepared ones footwear
20. Eastwood vehicle
23. Land of the Free, etc.
24. Become coated with frozen water
25. Wander (about)
26. Hawaiian necklace

27. One breath mint

28. More certain

31. Feels unwell

32. Prefix for dot or winkle

33. Sternward

34. Eastwood vehicle

38. Atlantic, perhaps

40. Navel find

41. Rocky outcropping

42. Pillar as marker

44. Prepared wine or cheese

48. Beer source

49. Piglet source

50. Enraged

51. Collection of miscellaneous information

52. Eastwood vehicle

56. Olive-green insectivorous American avian

58. Swashbuckling Flynn

59. English Dept. class

60. Peter Peter Pumpkin

61. No man is an island poet

62. Inventor of cotton gin

63. In a fox-like manner

64. Keanu Reeves vehicle

65. Twelfth month, for short

## Down

1. Age after World War II

2. Comfort

3. One who makes side bets

4. Total

5. Form an opinion

6. 1/2

7. \_\_\_\_ Mann from "The Simpsons"

8. Plug in ones phone

9. Bundled hay

10. 401K alternative

11. Unusual

12. You and yourself, only

13. Artistic convention flouter

21. Convention flouter

22. Eastwood might drive one

28. Meet a bet

29. Ash holder

30. Long arm of the infantry

31. Lincoln, to his friends

32. Writing utensil

33. Play part

34. Afternoon gathering

35. Witch

36. Reason to invade Iraq

37. Gene messenger

38. Musical intervals

39. Headbone related

42. Fifth note (alternative spelling)

43. Professorial threads

44. French artist who started flouting artistic conventions

45. Imprisoned, in England

46. A French star

47. Shaped like a triangle

49. Floor, in a house

50. Did nothing with the motor running

53. Tear or dew follower

54. Sea eagle

55. Prime draft status

57. Slippery electric fish

**This week's Clint Eastwood themed puzzle was created by Mansfield professor Dan Mason.**

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## The Flashlight: Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

It is not often that I read the Flashlight, but when I do I find that I always want more information about what is happening on our campus. There has been a lot of conversation on campus regarding the requirements for moving off campus. This should be a topic that is explored and cleared up for the student body. If the requirement have truly been changed this is something that everyone has a right to know about before trying to move off campus.

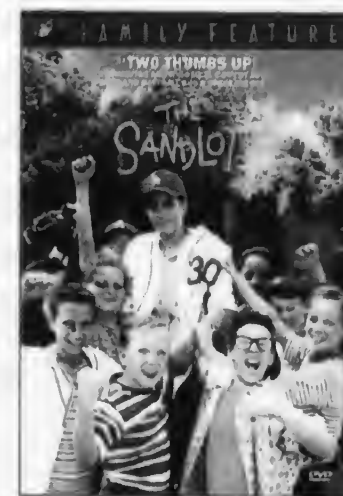
Also I would like to express my disappointment in the Winter Fest activities. I was very excited for Winter Fest and was was sorely disappointed by how little there was to do at the actual event. By 8:00pm, only an hour after the event started, the biggest draw to the event (building stuffed animals) was out of animals to stuff. And though it was a nice gesture to have an ice sculpture, it was probably not the best use of \$600 even though it is only a drop in the barrel of the amount of money available to MAC. Use that money to have great events rather than events lacking in real things to do.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Gibbon

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### The Sandlot

1. What type of machine was Benny nicknamed after?
  - a. race car
  - b. boat
  - c. tractor
  - d. jet
2. What was the name of "the beast"?
  - a. Nero
  - b. Zeuss
  - c. Hercules
  - d. Xena
3. Which isn't an alias of Babe Ruth?
  - a. the colossus of clout
  - b. the sultan of swat
  - c. the great bambino
  - d. Wendy Peffercorn
4. What sticky treat does Ham Porter offer to a confused Smalls?
  - a. taffy
  - b. a smore
  - c. Big League Chew
  - d. gummy bears





# Flashlight Comics



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# On the Sidelines with Jarrell Hill: Going the extra round

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

As Floyd Mayweather once said, "You got to have three things to be a great fighter: a great mind, a great chin and a great heart." Jarrell Hill, a member of the Mansfield boxing team, seems to have all three of these qualities in his corner.

As a senior, he's learned that boxing is as much a mental sport as it is a physical one. Never one to neglect a learning experience, he's shown that wins are only half the battle – winning means nothing if you never improve.

Hill's improvement and diligence as a boxer has shown this season, despite a 15-9 collegiate boxing record. Winning his past three fights (four including one from last season) against Dan Hogan, Jevon Thomas and Yasutomo Matsui, he's proven what a determined boxer can do in the ring.

Hill has helped bring the Mansfield boxing club to big-league collegiate status over the years. He's made three appearances at Nationals in the 132 lb. weight class, earning two bronze medals in the past two years, and it doesn't look like he's going to rest his will power anytime soon.

One of the biggest things I've noticed about Hill this season is his work ethic. Balancing his nursing courses at Sayre with his six-day-a-week training schedule (he takes one day off for the Saturday matches), his daily agenda would be more than some could handle – but he takes it in and grips it with pride. To Hill, it's an honor to be a part of the Mansfield boxing club, not a chore. Because of this belief, it was no surprise to me that, immediately following this phone interview, he planned on doing his daily 2-3 mile run.

Nicole Hagan: How long have you been boxing?

Jarrell Hill: I've taken it seriously for the past four, but I've been boxing a total of seven years. I've boxed at Mansfield since my freshman year.

NH: Where did you first start boxing?

JH: I started back in Philly at a rec center in my neighborhood.

NH: How did you first become interested in boxing?

JH: I guess I first got into boxing because of my brother. He used to box too. He had this crazy idea that he was going to take over my neighborhood [laughs]. We used to get into a lot of fights back then. It was like watching Pinky and the Brain run around the neighborhood [laughs].

NH: How much older is your brother?

JH: My brother is 25, so he's four years older than me.

NH: How did you become involved with the boxing team here at Mansfield?

JH: At first, I didn't even know we had a boxing team. There was a friend of mine from back home whose trainer said I should try boxing here and another friend of mine who used to go here who nagged me to give it a try, but I originally wasn't too serious about it. The spring semester of my freshman year I joined the team and had my first fight two weeks after joining – not thinking anything of it.

NH: They let you box with only two weeks training?

JH: I told the coach here at the time, Garner, that I could get in shape in that two week span, so he let me box. I had no idea what kind of dedication it took to actually be a boxer though when I first started out.

NH: Did you win that first fight.

JH: Actually, I did. I was tired as all hell. I hadn't boxed for a couple of years before that first fight so it was tough, but I think that first win gave me all the motivation I needed to start seriously considering the sport.

NH: Why did you decide to come to Mansfield University?

JH: In eleventh grade, I didn't even plan on going to college. As a kid, I thought I would just join the military or something like that. However, when the time came to decide, I knew that college was the better route for me. I applied to about 25 schools, but I didn't get into some of them for their nursing programs like I had wanted. I initially went to Mansfield because they offered me a scholarship. After my first year and after making the dean's list, they gave me a full scholarship, so I stayed here mostly for the free ride.

NH: Describe to me what your training routine is like this year because Dr. Gillespie has explained that it seems like you've gotten a lot faster. What are some things that you've changed in training since last year and how do you feel you've improved?

JH: I've definitely stepped up my training. Actually, right after I get off the phone with you I'm going to go running. My schedule is pretty hectic this semester though. On Mondays and Tuesdays I just full fledge run 2-3 miles and sprint for about a mile. I also do shadow boxing and a lot of sit-ups and abdominal stuff. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I go to the Elmira Boxing Gym and do a lot of vigorous aerobics stuff and then when I come back to Mansfield to train I'll do some sparring, work the heavy bag and the speed bag and jump rope. After that, I'll go back to Sayre and go running again. Friday I meet up with Kyle Smith, the trainer here at Mansfield, and do some pad work and bag work. Really, I train for six days a week and then fight on Saturday in a match. I never take a break from it.

NH: Do you feel like this intense training schedule has helped you improve from last season?

JH: Definitely. Last year I didn't have a trainer and I know my two trainers, Pat and Troy from the Elmira Boxing Club, have helped me a lot, especially with my technique and style. I feel like the extra help I've been getting has taken me to a whole new level of boxing. I'm starting to step up to the best of my ability. Last season, my endurance was lower and I couldn't fight the full three rounds. In that sense I've improved tremendously.

NH: When did you start this new training schedule?

JH: I started training this way last semester, but it wasn't as vigorous as it is now. I probably started the intense schedule I'm on now the first day back from winter break.

NH: I know that you mentioned that Pat and Troy have helped you with your technique and style. How would you describe your style of boxing?

JH: I'm more of a counter puncher. I wait until an opponent makes a mistake and then capitalize on the things he does wrong – make him suffer for not putting his hands up after a punch or not moving his body. I also like to stay on the outside of guys and keep them away with jabs and combos.

NH: Why did you decide to adopt that particular style? Have you always been a counter puncher or was that something you developed into?

JH: I've pretty much always been a counter puncher, but my.



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Jarrell Hill has made three appearances at Nationals throughout his collegiate boxing career and is looking to make a fourth return this season. Throughout his three appearances, he's brought home two bronze medals.

favorite boxer, Floyd Mayweather, has that same style, so I may have subconsciously adopted it from watching him fight.

NH: Tell me a little bit about your past three fights. You've won three in a row in what Dr. Gillespie feels seems to be some pretty perfect fights for you. How have you felt going into these fights and why do you feel you've been doing so well?

JH: I've been using my jabs a lot this year. I'm continuously moving and not giving my opponents a direct target. My stamina is tremendous now as well and I feel like my speed and visual acuity has gotten better. It's all continuous work though. You have to keep on running. If you stop even for a minute, you fall behind.

NH: So far this season, is there any fight that really stands out to you where you feel you did exceptionally well or that you feel was exceptionally difficult?

JH: My first fight was the easiest just because my opponent – well actually to tell you the truth I don't know why I beat him up so bad. [Laughs] It was probably one of the best fights I've had though. My second fight this season was hardest simply because we have similar fighting styles. I was also a little sloppy and maybe a little too confident after the first win. I feel that my last fight was better than the second, but I always focus on the negatives and try to learn something from every match. In my last fight, I focused on throwing more body shots and combos, and when you're moving and throwing more combos, it takes more stamina. Because of that, I think I became a little sloppy with my punches and defense.



**'HILL'**

NH: Who are you going to fight in the upcoming home match this Saturday?

JH: Johnny Garcia of Army. He's number two in the nation in my weight class and this fight will be a fight for the placement of one and two. I've beat him twice before, but we've both improved and look forward to seeing how we'll do against one another. I talked to him two days ago and we're both pretty amped about it.

NH: What are some things that you've been focusing on for the match?

JH: I'm primarily going to work on jabbing and throwing combos while continuing to move. Stamina will be a big factor. Johnny's been throwing more body shots, so I'm going to try to counter balance that by throwing jabs and combos and staying to the outside.

NH: What motivates you to box?

JH: I think knowing that there is someone out there who's better than you motivates me. My worst fear is failure and I hate losing, so I'm going to make sure I keep up with my training in order to achieve what I'm looking to achieve.

NH: Who would you say is your biggest influence or role model and why?

JH: There are a lot of people who have been a big influence in my life: my brother, Coach Gillespie, Kyle Smith, my Elmira boxing coaches and the numerous friends who keep on telling me to train hard and fight. There have just been so many

people who have helped me get to where I am today and I'm so grateful for all that they've done.

NH: What are some of your goals for this season?

JH: I only have two goals this season: to graduate and to graduate with a collegiate national belt.

NH: How many times have you been to nationals and what did you medal during those years?

JH: I've been to Nationals all three years I've boxed and I earned a bronze medal the past two years.

NH: You're a nursing major right? That's why you're up in Sayre?

JH: Yeah, I'm a nursing major.

NH: What do you plan to do with your nursing degree after you graduate?

JH: I plan on moving to North Carolina to work at the ICU (Intensive Care Unit) at the Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

NH: Why North Carolina?

JH: I worked with the diversity program not too long ago and I happened to meet some of the employees from the Pitt County Memorial Hospital while participating in the program. We all just seemed to click. I really like the atmosphere and what they're all about, so I figured that would be a good place for me to work after college.

NH: As one of the older boxers, what are some things that you try to teach the younger guys just coming in?

JH: One thing I try to emphasize is that, while winning is good,

it's not the only thing that matters in boxing. As long as you learn from each loss and each fight, that's how you develop into a great boxer. I mean, my record isn't all that good, but I still rank among some of the top collegiate boxers because I learn from my mistakes and try to grow with every match. I also try to teach them to keep their composure and fight using their own personal skills. Furthermore, I emphasize that there's an art to boxing and I emphasize thinking in the ring. You can't just go in and start throwing punches off an impulse. You have to be able to see something and know that you can score off each punch.

NH: Explain to me what it's like to be a part of the Mansfield boxing club. Is there any camaraderie that you guys develop or is it mostly just individual training?

JH: It's hard nowadays since I never get the chance to talk to the other guys except for the day of the fights. There is definitely a type of camaraderie though. If a guy is nervous before his fight, we try to make jokes and calm each other down. Whenever one of our guys is in the ring, we're there yelling and encouraging him and giving him ways that will help him improve. We all support each other. When we walk, we walk together. I feel proud to be on the Mansfield boxing team – where it's come from and the direction that the program is going. We've come a long way. I always joke with Coach Gillespie and tell him that he needs to call up one of his playwright buddies and have them write a script and make a movie on the Mansfield boxing team. [Laughs] However, in all seriousness, we've come from a lot of adversity. Before, no one even knew we existed. Now, when we go to Nationals, everyone knows to watch out for us. We are a competitive team and we're here to go the extra rounds.

## Boxing team picks up two wins at Lock Haven University

By DANELLE MILLER

Flashlight Copy Editor

Two out of three Mansfield Boxers won at Lock Haven University on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Jarrell Hill (139) of Mansfield fought Yasutomo Matsui from West Virginia University. Hill is now 3-3 on the season. Matsui had a similar fighting style to Hill's style; both Hill and Matsui like to counter-fight.

In the first round the two boxers went back and forth trading punches and jabs. When the second round began, Hill began to pressure Matsui and started counter punching. Since Matsui had the same fighting style, counter punching was not as effective as it was during last Saturday's match against Jevon Thomas. Despite the disadvantage, Hill still managed to get an eight count during the round. In the third, Hill pushed Matsui further, pushing him to a second eight count, and ultimately won the match.

"The first round I came out trying to feel him out because I've never seen him fight," Hill said. "I worked the jab to see his response and saw he wasn't fast. Throughout the round, I was consistently throwing jabs, combinations and body shots. In the second, I had a game plan. I got loose and threw combinations and kept moving. I threw more body shots than I normally do. He couldn't handle the body shots. He was dead at the end of the second. In the third, I assume his coach told him he was down and probably told him to give everything he had. He came out firing and got a couple punches on me. I grabbed him to regroup and moved around and counter-punched more. In the middle of the third I got tired because I threw more punches, but so was he, so he couldn't capitalize."

Hill feels that he is improving with every match he gets.

"I've been working vigorously," Hill said. "I learn from each fight and improve from each fight. For instance, in

this match I learned how to throw more effective body shots. I've been conditioning better and fighting better. I credit it to working at the Elmira Boxing Gym and the trainers at Mansfield."

Zach Perchinski (195) was the second Mansfield boxer to win his match. He faced Mike Lisanti of Lock Haven University and is now 1-1. "In the first round I came out strong," Perchinski said. "I scored more points and was more aggressive. In the second round he began to lose energy and I out-boxed him. In the third round he was done. He tried to keep his distance, but I put pressure on him to win it."

Despite Perchinski's win, head coach Richard Gillespie noted some changes that need to be made to Perchinski's technique. "Zach did very well," Gillespie said. "He has good discipline, but he doesn't box as he trains. He needs to get into the athletic position, then he will deliver devastating punches, but as of right now he stands up straight. If he boxed how he trains, the match probably wouldn't have gone past the first round."

Perchinski noticed that he is becoming more aggressive and delivering more jabs, but also knows that there are areas he needs to work on before the home match. "I need to work on my speed and footwork," Perchinski said. "I've done better lately, but I still have a lot of room for improvement."

Nathan Eilenfeldt (147) was the third boxer to compete. Eilenfeldt lost to Mike Bechtel of Lock Haven University. "I didn't go too hard in the first round," Eilenfeldt said. "We exchanged shots and kept pace with each other for the first two rounds. However, in the third I got tired. My corner coach kept telling me to use my right more. He kept dropping his left, so it gave me an opportunity to hit him with my right, but I didn't use my right a lot. I could've won in the third, but I didn't listen to my corner coach. I'm currently working on lateral movement, weaving and putting



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Jarrell Hill has extended his winning streak to three matches this season, defeating West Virginia University's Yasutomo Matsui on Saturday, Feb. 14.

combinations together to get better in addition to doing cardio and training harder."

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# Women's basketball earns two consecutive PSAC wins

By DAVID VANLOON

*Special to the Flashlight*

The Lady Mountaineers edged Kutztown 59-56 on Wednesday, Feb. 11 before upsetting Cheyney 83-73 the following Saturday.

The Lady Mountaineers have won three of their last four games, increasing their conference record to 3-7. After beginning conference play with a record of 0-6, they appear to have found their stride, knocking off two PSAC East contenders in Kutztown and Cheyney.

During the Kutztown game, Mansfield proved that they can compete with anyone down the stretch. After losing to Kutztown earlier in the season, the Mountaineers were ready for round two.

Once again the game came down to the final seconds. Kutztown had an opportunity for some final moment heroics, but this time, Meredith Starr's three-point attempt was off the mark as time expired.

Fresh legs made the difference in this contest as Mansfield's reserve players out-scored Kutztown's bench 32-8. Mansfield's Alicia Espigh contributed with quality minutes, sinking five of seven shots on the night, while shooting a perfect 3-3 from behind the arc.

Freshman Morgan Hafer also played well, pulling down four rebounds, while scoring eight points. Hafer said the team knew how important these games were.

"Our bench has been contributing immensely because we know that every minute, every play, every second in the game counts and that when we get in, we need to step up," Hafer said. "When I come in off the bench, I know my role is to get the defensive tempo going and get some stops."

Hafer believes that the Mountaineers' recent good play is a sign of things to come. "We may be losing five seniors this year, but I believe that we have a very strong group of underclassmen that have been getting a lot of experience this year and will contribute a lot next year," Hafer said.

Kutztown (6-3) is tied for second in the PSAC East after the loss to Mansfield. Rachel Wisemiller, Melissa McQuade and Chauntelle Schroeder all reached double digits for the

Golden Bears. Meredith Starr and Vivian Melvin each added six, but it wasn't enough to overcome a Mountie offense that went 5-6 from three-point land in the second half.

Alicia Espigh and Mallory Moore led the team with 13 points each while freshman Nicole Pender contributed with nine points, adding three assists, a block and seven steals for the Mounties. Eight different Mounties scored in the contest.

The Mountaineers pulled out a second straight upset victory with an 83-73 win over Cheyney University Saturday afternoon.

While the Lady Mountaineers average just 52 points per game this season, they erupted for 83 on Saturday, the most since a 90-56 bruising of Penn College on Dec. 1. Head coach Ruth Hermansen witnessed a season-high 54 percent field goal percentage from her players.

Mallory Moore led three Mountaineers in double-digits with a career-high 24 points in the contest. Moore made 8-11 attempts from the floor and 8-9 from the free throw line, while adding six defensive rebounds, two assists, two blocks and three steals to the Mountaineer cause.

"I believe that our team is starting to click. We kept working hard every single practice even though we weren't winning. We kept working. We never gave up and now our hard work is starting to show as we are winning and beating some good teams," Moore said.

The Mountaineers (3-7) round off the season with games against East Stroudsburg and Bloomsburg as well as PSAC East leading West Chester University on Saturday. The team hosts their last home game of the season when second place Millersville comes to Mansfield on the 28.

Fellow freshman, Morgan Hafer also has faith in her teammates and feels that their team shows signs of being a future powerhouse in the PSAC East.

"We will only have one senior next year, Mallory Hafer, but she has been around the PSAC for awhile and knows how to lead a team to victory," Morgan Hafer said "The future for the Lady Mounties is bright."



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Alicia Espigh led the women's basketball team with 13 points on Wednesday night, sinking 5-7 shots while shooting a perfect 3-3 from behind the arc against the Kutztown Golden Bears. During the game, eight different Mountaineers scored to give the team the 59-56 win.

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"It was a close fight," Gillespie said. "Nathan lost in the third when Mike picked up speed. Nate is beginning to show his style, but he needs to learn to control the fight and not brawl. He did a good job pivoting around Mike, but Mike would drop his left hand when he threw his right. This was an opportunity for Nathan to throw a right, but he wasn't able to change to the right. He's still learning."

Mike Cobaugh was supposed to be the fourth fight, but was withdrawn from the roster due to injury. Cobaugh hurt his right hand during practice. He began sparring Friday, but Gillespie stopped Cobaugh when his hand began to hurt. Despite not fighting this past Saturday, Gillespie has declared that he will, in fact, be on the fight schedule for the Feb. 21 home invitational. Gillespie is hoping Cobaugh will be well enough to compete on March. 7 in Maryland as well. Cobaugh said that as of Monday he was cleared for the match.

On Saturday, Feb. 21, Mansfield will host its home boxing invitational. Mansfield boxers who are set to compete are Hill, Joe Kosalko (139), Eilenfeldt (147), Aaron Reardon (157), Solomon Isom (175), Kenny Burt (185), Perchinski and Dan Wenzler (Heavyweight). There will be four featured fights with Hill being the only Mansfield boxer chosen as a feature. Hill will face Army's Johnny Garcia (132).

The birth of a child is an amazing time for most parents. As children grow, they begin to see how the world views them. What you say to your children can make a big difference in the way they feel about themselves. It's called self-esteem and children who have it generally become more successful than children who don't. Hearing words like "you're worthless" and "you're stupid" will not make children feel good about themselves. These insults go beyond race, creed and sexual orientation. But you can make your child feel really good by saying, "You're special," "Great job" and "I love you." Think about it. It only takes a couple of seconds to make your child's day a whole lot better. For more information, contact HAVEN at 570-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447.



# Men's basketball picks up tough losses against Kutztown and Cheyney

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

The men's basketball team suffered two close losses to number one Kutztown University and number two Cheyney University this past week in PSAC play.

Their 84-79 loss to Kutztown on Wednesday, Feb. 11 ended a five-game winning streak for the Mountaineers – the longest they've held all season.

Mansfield started out strong in the first half, looking to redeem an 85-69 loss from earlier in the year.

"We came out with a chip on our shoulder," team captain Chris Greene said. "Last time we know we didn't play to our potential so this time we wanted to make sure that we came out in the first half and matched their intensity. Feeding off the energy of the crowd, we were able to get some positive things accomplished."

Kutztown scored the first two points of the game, but Greene came firing back with a three-pointer at the 16:24 mark. In the next two and a half minutes, what started out quiet turned into an explosion of shots with each team converting on each possession. The score remained close, however, and the Mountaineers trailed by no more than six points.

Mansfield continued to inch closer though and the momentum shifted after a breakaway layup from Justin Simmons with 6:10 left in the half gave the team a 29-28 edge and their first lead of the night.

"Justin Simmons is a very valuable player to have out on the court," head coach Rich Miller said. "Against Kutztown, we were using him on the wing rather than at point like we normally do and it proved pretty effective. Normally, I put him out there for defensive purposes because he's a great defensive player, but he really gave us a lift on offense that night as well."

Lavail Owens extended the lead for the Mountaineers with a three-pointer less than a minute later and Mansfield went on a 21-10 run in the final eight minutes of play to give them a 41-36 lead at the half time buzzer.

The intensity from the first half carried into the second and after a three-pointer from Kutztown's Dave Ben, the score was once again tied 43-43, less than three minutes into play. Mansfield extended its lead to as many as six points after a foul shot from Yuseff Carr, but Kutztown slowly started a come back. Jeremy Combs tied the game up for Kutztown again at the 11:58 mark and the rest of the Golden Bears followed to go on 11-0 run making the score 61-55.

Mansfield trailed with 55 seconds until Pender hit a foul shot to tie the score 77-77.

The bleachers shook and the Mansfield crowd chanted "de-fense" in the final minute of play, but seven collective points from Kutztown's Stephen Dennis and Steve Coffey were no match for Greene's solo jumper. The Golden Bears defeated Mansfield 84-79.

"We played fairly hard, but didn't execute well down the stretch," Miller said. "The final two and a half minutes were disappointing. To beat Kutztown, you have to play well for the full 40 minutes and we only did good things for about 35. While I wouldn't say we did poorly on defense, in the second half we gave up a little too much. With Kutztown, because they're so athletic, they can convert missed shots into points very quickly. We just didn't shoot the ball well percentage-wise in the second half. Against Kutztown, you need to execute."

Mansfield was 37.8 percent from the floor in the second half and shot only 11.1 percent from behind the arc.

Despite the loss, Greene felt that the team played a

good game.

"There's a reason Kutztown is the number one team," Greene said. "However, I feel like we were able to hit the defensive boards real hard against them and do a good job at controlling the tempo of the game for the most part. I think it was one of the best games we've played all year. Guys like Boone and Justin gave us a big lift off the bench when some of our high-scorers weren't making their shots and, while I feel we can do better, I don't feel we did a bad job."

Pender was the team-high scorer of the night with 16 points and five rebounds and was followed closely by Ryan Callahan and Simmons who each put up 14. Greene also had a good night with 12 points, seven assists and one steal.

The team's next game against Cheyney proved just as heartbreaking. Going up against the number two ranked team in the division, the Mountaineers fell 67-64 in their second consecutive loss.

"We just didn't play well in the first half against Cheyney," Miller said. "The intensity wasn't there and we dug ourselves a hole early on."

Despite the rough first half to come, the day started out on a positive note with the recognition of the team's only senior, Greene, during the pre-game senior day ceremonies.

"Greene has done an awesome job since Christmas break," Miller said. "He's a mature player who I can always count on to run the show for us. So many people come into the program and don't make it the full four years. For Chris to do it and play so well – well there's a lot to be said for that. It takes a lot to do what he's done for the program. We're all very proud of him and I'm sure he's going to do a great job in whatever career he chooses after he graduates."

While things started out relatively even, Cheyney proceeded to go on a 22-10 run after a jumper from Dwayne Easley at the 15:44 mark. Mansfield was stuck at six points for over three minutes of play and Cheyney was up by 12 points after a jump shot from Dominique Curry. The Mountaineers went into the locker room with their biggest deficit of the half, down by 16 with the score 45-29.

"Defensively, we did poorly in the first half," Miller said. "We didn't force them into taking any unwanted shots and we let them get too many offensive rebounds."

The second half didn't look any more promising as Cheyney extended its lead to 57-37 after a jumper from Kevin Presbery a little more than five minutes in.

Things started to turnaround for the Mountaineers shortly after though. Beginning with a jump shot from Yuseff Carr less than a minute later, Mansfield proceeded to go on a 25-6 scoring run that was capped off by a jumper from Simmons with 3:15 left to go. Presbery retaliated with a jumper of his own, and Callahan scored the final two points for Mansfield with 1:20 remaining, but the Mountaineers couldn't pull out a win.

After failing to put in a few attempted three-pointers in the final seconds, Cheyney won the game 67-64, maintaining their second place position in the PSAC and dropping Mansfield down to third.

"We can't expect to be a good team by playing only one half of the basketball game," Miller said. "We fought so hard to get back in it during the second half that I think we might have just run out of gas in the final few minutes. It was disappointing. I just thought that if we could have kept it to a five or six point game, we could have won."

Despite the loss, Carr found success offensively with his fifth double-double of the season, putting up 19 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Simmons added with 12 points on



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Chris Greene, the solo senior on the men's basketball team, received senior day honors before the Mountaineers' game against Cheyney University. Greene currently holds 159 points this season, 86 rebounds and 38 assists. Over his four year career, he's accumulated a total of 867 points, 225 rebounds, 155 steals and 395 assists as point guard.

the night and Greene contributed with eight points and four assists. Mansfield didn't shoot the three well, however, only shooting 31.6 percent for the game from behind the arc.

"We were very upset after the losses. They were a hard pill to swallow," Greene said. "These were two very winnable games for us and we weren't able to bring it home. Kutztown and Cheyney are two very athletic teams. Kutztown was great offensively and Cheyney can just jump out of the gym with their amount of athleticism. However, as a team, we always look to the future and try to not let the past hinder us. We still have a good shot at playoffs, and as long as we get these next few games, we'll do fine. All we're thinking about now though is East Stroudsburg."

The team's next game against East Stroudsburg University (ESU) is an away game on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Mansfield's Student Government Association (SGA) is sponsoring a free bus trip to both the men's and women's game and will leave by no later than 4:15 p.m. from outside Kelchner Fitness Center.

Their final three games of the semester following ESU are against West Chester University, Bloomsburg University and a final home game against Millersville University. West Chester is currently tied with Mansfield for third place in the PSAC East, while ESU sits in fourth place and Millersville sits in sixth.

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## Track and field places second and third at CTC Championship

By **ANTHONY DARIO**

*Special to the Flashlight*

The Mansfield University men's indoor track and field team placed second, while the women's team finished third overall at the CTC (Collegiate Track Conference) Indoor Track and Field Championship this past weekend.

The tournament was held Feb. 14-15 at Wesleyan college in Middletown, CT.

The men's track and field team finished second out of 15 teams, scoring 81 points to Adelphi University's 147.

Junior Mike Gray led the Mountaineers on the men's side, placing first in both the shot put and weight throw. Gray won the shot put with a hoist of 52-02.00, a throw that far exceeded the competition. The next closest individual, Josh-Erik Dolisca of New Jersey Institute of Technology, was six feet short of Gray's shot. His weight throw was a different story. Gray won this event by two feet with a distance of 49-08.50.

Nathan Macnabb also took first in an event for the men's team, winning the mile with a time of 4:25:14. It was Nathan's first win at the CTC's.

"Coach (Rohl) knows how to prepare us," MacNabb said. "He shows us what to work on and we listen. It is a simple formula for success."

Other competitors for the men's side included Josh Bucior, who placed sixth in the 55 meter dash (6.74), Henry Potter, who placed fifth in both the 500 meter run (1:09.53) and the 800 meter run (2:03.13), Sean Vollenweider, who placed fourth in the 5000 meter run (16:05.32) and Justen Johnson, who placed

third in the men's long jump with a distance of 21-09.00.

The women's team was impressive as well. They grabbed third place overall out of 15 team and scored a total of 78 points. Richard Stockton and Rowan finished ahead of them with 122 and 104 points respectively.

Brenae Edwards took first in the 3000 meter with a time of 10:54.37, five seconds ahead of the next competitor, and took second in the mile with a time of 5:26.81.

Brooke McDaniel and Erica Ferguson also contributed on the women's side. McDaniel finished second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 59.03 while Erica Ferguson finished third in the long jump with a distance of 15-11.50.

Ferguson and McDaniel also participated in the 4x400 relay with teammates Carley Klinger and Abbie Waltz. The relay team took first place, beating out Rowan University with a time of 4:07.94.

Other contributions for the women's side came from Waltz who placed fifth in the 400 meter dash (1:01.77), Megan Savioli who placed ninth in the 500 meter run (1:26.08) and Irene Primmer who placed sixth behind McDaniel in the 800 meter run (2:34.01).

Brittany Capsello, a freshman track runner, felt that both teams did well during the meet.

"We had high expectations going in, and we proved that we could finish with good results," Capsello said.

The team next meet is Saturday, Feb. 21 where they will go up against Cornell and Kent State.



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Mike Gray was a dual winner at the CTC Championship this past weekend. Gray placed first in both the shot put (52-02.00) and the weight throw (49-08.50), helping the men's team earn a second place overall finish with a total of 81 points.

## Coming up in Mountie Sports

| Thursday                                                                    | Friday                                                                 | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sunday                                                                      | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                                                              |
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| Feb. 19<br>- Swimming at PSAC Championships (Cumberland Valley High School) | 20<br>- Swimming at PSAC Championships (Cumberland Valley High School) | 21<br>- Women's basketball @ West Chester University, 1 p.m.<br>- Men's basketball @ West Chester University, 3 p.m.<br>- Swimming at PSAC Championships (Cumberland Valley High School)<br>- Track & Field @ Cornell/Kent State<br>- Boxing Home Invitational | 22<br>- Swimming at PSAC Championships (Cumberland Valley High School)      | 23     | 24      | 25<br>- Women's basketball @ Bloomsburg University, 5:30 p.m.<br>- Men's basketball @ Bloomsburg University, 7:30 p.m. |
| 26                                                                          | 27                                                                     | 28<br>- Women's basketball vs. Millersville University, 1 p.m.<br>- Men's basketball vs. Millersville University, 3 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ PSAC Conference at East Stroudsburg University<br>- Boxing @ Penn State University                               | March 1<br>- Track & Field @ PSAC Conference at East Stroudsburg University | 2      | 3       | 4                                                                                                                      |



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Mostly Cloudy



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## David Cook, American Idol winner coming to Mansfield

David Cook, the reigning winner of American Idol, will perform in concert in Mansfield University's Straughn Hall on Thursday, March 19 at 8 p.m.

Touring in support of his self-titled album, Cook's Mansfield performance is part of "The Declaration Tour-2009."

"I'm more than excited to hop on the road and support this record," Cook said in a news release. "This tour represents both a new beginning and a return to form for me. It's our first full tour, and we're all ready to pour whatever blood, sweat, and tears that we can muster into making this show, and every show from here on out, an experience. Part of that experience is bringing back this college tour idea. There's something inherently nostalgic about playing college shows. So many amazing acts used to do it, so it's nice to be able to bring that ideal back, in some small way."

Since bursting onto the music scene last spring on American Idol, Cook's first single "The Time of My Life" sold over one million tracks. His debut album entered the Billboard charts at number three. The Rob Cavallo-produced album on 19 Recordings / RCA Records also debuted as the number one album on the digital album chart and is the best debut from an American Idol winner since 2006. The first single, "Light On", dominated the AOL Top 40 radio chart with eight non consecutive weeks at number one.

*Rolling Stone* magazine deemed Cook "the most imaginative American Idol talent to date."

"Due in large part to the anticipated high demand David Cook concert tickets, the limited number of seats in the Straughn Hall concert venue and direct student funding of this concert event, by design we want to make sure our students are given the first opportunity to attend this major concert event," Steve Plesac, director of Student Activities and Student Programming, said. "The anticipated high demand is further impacted by our upcoming student spring break, so tickets won't go on sale to the public

until March 12."

Each Mansfield University student will be able to pick up their one free ticket on Tuesday, March 10 or Wednesday, March 11 from noon to 6 p.m. in Straughn Hall. Students must present ID to receive their ticket. Remaining tickets, which are \$22.50, will go on sale to the general public on Thursday, March 12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Campus Bookstore in Alumni Hall. No phone orders will be accepted. All concert seating is general admission.

For more information on Cook, check online at <http://davidcookofficial.com>. Ryan Star will be the opening. For more information on him, check online at <http://rstar.net>

The concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Office.



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David Cook won American Idol season seven. Cook's stop at Mansfield University will be included in his tour, The Declaration Tour.

## Pianist Peter Orth to perform at Mansfield University

Internationally known pianist Peter Orth will perform on Monday, March 23, 8 p.m. in Mansfield University's Steadman Theatre. The recital program will feature works by Bach, Brahms and Prokofieff.

Orth will also present a masterclass at noon on Tuesday, March 24, also in Steadman Theatre.

The recital and masterclass are both free and open to the public.

Winning first prize in the 1979 Naumburg International Piano Competition catapulted Orth into the American musical mainstream. Since then, he has been heard as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, as well as the Detroit, Montreal, Pittsburgh and Saint Louis Orchestras.

Orth has also performed with European orchestras such as the Residentie Orkest Den Haag, the Orchestre National de Lyon and the Nord Deutsche Philharmonie.

Orth began his studies in Philadelphia with Benjamin Whitten. At the Juilliard School, where he was a student of Adele Marcus, Orth was the first recipient of the prestigious Petschek Award. After graduation he received an invitation from Rudolf

Serkin to participate at the Marlboro Festival and a subsequent offer to study privately at the Serkin's Institute for Young Performing Musicians in Guilford, VT.

Since moving to Cologne, Germany in 1992, Orth's European reputation has grown, performing in many venues including Amsterdam's Concertgebouw,

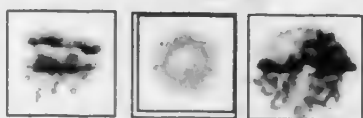
London's Wigmore Hall and the Klavier Festival Ruhr in Germany. He maintains a special relationship with Italy, where he plays regularly. In 2005, Orth conducted two concertos from the keyboard with the Orchestra of the Ukraine at Tignano Castle outside Florence where he has been the director of "Friends of Music at Tignano."

Orth's appearance at Mansfield University is sponsored by the Student Activities Office



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Orth has played with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, as well as the Detroit, Montreal, Pittsburgh, and Saint Louis Orchestras.

Weekly  
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## FRIDAY

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## MONDAY

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# Info-To-Go

## Campus Bulletin Board

### Mansfield University

~The President's Commission on the Status of Women invites female students to honor and show their appreciation to a member of the Mansfield University community who has influenced them to become a stronger woman. Nominate your personal mentor, a male or female member of the Mansfield University community, by telling us how this person has made a difference in your life. Nomination forms are available at <http://mansfield.edu/pcsw/upcoming-events/> and should be submitted by Friday, March 13 to Leslie Clifford (PCSW Mentor Nomination) 171 Grant Science or e-mail: [lcliffor@mansfield.edu](mailto:lcliffor@mansfield.edu). If your nomination is selected, you will be invited to the PCSW Mentor Celebration (on March 31 from 11:30-12:45p.m.) and you will have the opportunity to participate in presenting an award to the person who has influenced your life. This event is a special opportunity for female students to let members of the Mansfield University community know how much they are appreciated and to express the ways that a mentor has influenced them to become a stronger woman.

~The Diversity Task Force Public Relations and Promotions Subcommittee is sponsoring a poster contest. The poster needs to promote diversity awareness and can be no larger than 11 x 14 inches. Prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$25.00), 2nd (\$15.00) and 3rd (\$10.00) place winners in flex dollars. Posters will be judged on originality, creativity and how well it addresses the issue of diversity. Posters are to be submitted in original form to Dr. Chuck Hoy, Hemlock 310 or electronically to [choy@mansfield.edu](mailto:choy@mansfield.edu). Deadline for submissions is March 13.

~Friday, March 20 – Mansfield University Feel the Bite Jackals Night. Thunderstick Night - Elmira Jackals vs. Johnstown. Bus departs Laurel at 6 p.m., \$10 for Mansfield University students, \$15 for Mansfield University student guests (limit 2). Fee includes admission and transportation. Sign up in Room 323 Alumni Hall. Bus trips are sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and funded with Student Activity Fees.

~ The David Cook concert will take place on Thursday, March 19 in Straughn Hall at 8 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m. This concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Office and funded with Student Activity Fees.

# Police Beat

Feb. 9 - Jared Mahosky, 19, was charged for alleged involvement in an incident in Cedarcrest regarding water damage to three floors. Damage included students' personal property and Mansfield University property. Damages totaled approximately \$2,000.

Feb. 23 - Daniel McDonough, 19, was found by police on the second floor of Maple B appearing under the influence of alcohol. Police were dispatched because the defendant had injured himself. A citation for underage drinking was filed with district court. The student was also referred to Residence Life.

# Entertainment Corner

Courtesy of billboard.com

## Hot Country Songs:



- 1.) Keith Urban - Sweet Thing
- 2.) Toby Keith- God Love Her
- 3.) Darius Rucker - It Won't Be Like This For Long
- 4.) Kenny Chesney with Mac McAnally - Down the Road
- 5.) Brooks & Dunn feat. Reba McEntire - Cowgirls Don't Cry



Hot Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

- 1.) Watchmen - R, Bill Crudup
- 2.) Madea Goes to Jail - PG-13, Tyler Perry
- 3.) Taken - PG-13, Liam Neeson
- 4.) Slumdog Millionaire - R, Dev Patel
- 5.) Paul Blart: Mall Cop - PG, Kevin James

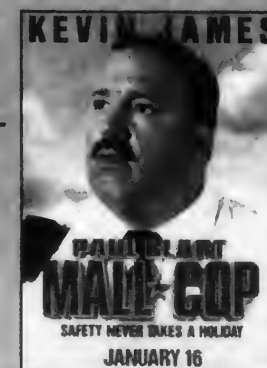


PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY  
The Real Group, a Swedish a capella group, performed at Mansfield University on Feb 24. They were voted "World's Best Vocal Group" by the Contemporary A Capella Society of America.



# Students celebrate Mardi Gras in New Orleans style

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

WNTE the Giant, the French Club, and Delta Zeta sponsored a Mardi Gras Party that was held on Feb. 24.

Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday, which is the celebration before Ash Wednesday.

The party was held in Jazzman's café. Upon walking in, attendees were transported to New Orleans. The café was decorated with Mardi Gras colors purple, green and gold. Masks, beads and glow sticks were available for people to wear.

Derek Witucki attended the party. "I like it here. The mask and the glow sticks add a nice touch and aspect to the theme of the party," Witucki said.

Party goers were each handed a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes at the end of the night. Raffle winners got a chance to choose from an assortment of prizes. There were Mardi Gras themed t-shirts decorated by WNTE, a hat, CD's, bracelets and picture frames.

Gen Taylor, Public Relations Director of WNTE thinks the party was successful. "I'm really happy with the turn out. I handed out sixty raffle tickets and there were people that I missed," Taylor said.

WNTE provided music for the event, which kept the guests entertained between the contests and the serving of the different foods. In keeping with the Mardi Gras - New Orleans theme, there was shrimp gumbo and cupcakes and a cake that was decorated with Mardi Gras colors.

Meg Feher had a good time at the party. "They have a lot of different things going on so you're never bored from the moment you walk in," Feher said while eating her bowl of gumbo.

Besides the raffle, there was a doughnut eating contest. Nine contestants had to finish six doughnuts within two minutes. They had to eat the doughnuts with their hands tied behind their back. The winner got a jester hat to wear and keep.

Matt Poirier ended up being the winner after finishing 5 doughnuts within the time limit. "I didn't expect this because someone made me do it," Poirier said. "I think I may have diabetes now, but at least I got a cool hat."

WNTE hosts a Mardi Gras party each year, but this year was the first year that they collaborated with the French Club and Delta Zeta.

"French Club came up to us about the event, and I'm not going to turn down an organization if they want our help. WNTE is a pretty big organization, and I think if anyone wants help from us, we can," Taylor said.

Wesley Cromley is a member of both WNTE and the French Club. "French club was talking about doing something for Mardi Gras, and I knew that the radio station did something every year," Cromley said. "I suggested at the meetings, since I belong to both

organizations, that we do a joint effort so the French club could get it's name known on campus more, and to help with the food."

Jessica Lohmann is the president of the French Club and a member of the Delta Zeta sorority. Lohmann suggested that Delta Zeta get on board with the Mardi Gras party, and it was agreed upon. "We all worked together and got everything done quite nicely. WNTE was giving out door prizes all night along with DJing, the French Club made some good food that everyone enjoyed and Delta Zeta sponsored the doughnut eating contest," Lohmann said.

Instead of having three competing parties, all of these organizations got together and created an even bigger party than the three separate clubs could have held on their own.

"A lot of people showed up that do not normally come into contact with each other, plus some extra. I don't know why clubs don't do more things together anyway. It's a good way to meet new people... It was a nice break from mid-terms and a good thing before spring break. We can only hope to do it even crazier next year," Cromley said.

Lohmann feels the same way as Cromley. "It was a great party. There were tons of people there and everyone said they had a lot of fun. I couldn't have thought of a better way to celebrate Mardi Gras and I can't wait to do it again next year."



PHOTO BY REBECCA HAZEN

Students got the chance to dance to all the latest tunes at the Mardi Gras party. There was also food, games and prizes.

## Conservatives voice opposition to Obama's reversal of stem-cell policies

By KRISTOPHER DUMSCHAT

Special to the Flashlight

President Obama announced on Monday that he is reversing President Bush's policies toward embryonic stem cells research.

Following other changes Obama has made since taking office, such as the closing of Guantanamo Bay and the funding of abortion clinics, lifting the ban on stem cell research is just another planned change the Obama Administration had. As announced on Monday, March 9, Obama signed the order to reverse President Bush's limits on federally funded stem cell research through the National Institutes of Health, which would free labs across the country to start working with any kind of cell in the body. Obama also plans on placing safeguards through the Office of Science and Technology so that science would not be able to be interfered with by politics.

According to an article by Reuters, this reversal has caused a lot of anger among certain religious groups such as Pope Benedict and the American Roman Catholic Church. After Obama signed the order Monday, the Vatican and U.S. church leaders condemned the move.



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Obama thinks that stem-cell research holds the promise to understand and possibly cure some of the world's most devastating illnesses.

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PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY

"Into the Woods" was performed Feb. 19 through Feb. 22 in Straughn Auditorium for students, staff and the community. "Into the Woods" is a story that combines different classic fairy tales into one story filled with laughter, joy and sorrow.



## Spotlight on Campus: Chinese Language Club

By REBECCA HAZEN  
Flashlight News Editor

The Chinese Language Club (CLC) is a club that has recently started at Mansfield University.

The club was formed for many different reasons including giving students the chance to learn more about China and its culture.

The mission of the CLC is to promote friendship among overseas Chinese students, American students and other international students on campus, to provide opportunities for cultural understanding on and off campus, to encourage academic communication and to serve as a liaison between our Chinese students, Mansfield University and the local community.

Lan Wei is the president of the CLC. "I want to comfort all the Chinese students. It doesn't matter if they are full time students, part time or in a exchange program," Wei said. "I would like for them to feel at home and get to know the Mansfield area as soon as they can. When they need help, they will always have a place to go and always have people to talk to."

Another reason that the club started was to teach students the Chinese language and help them practice. In the future, Mansfield University will be offering a Chinese language course, and knowing some of the language will be a head start.

The club is also helping the Chinese exchange students settle down into their new academic setting at Mansfield University.

Chad Brotemarkle is a member of the club. He joined because he was interested in East Asian language and culture. "I had already met people from Mongolia, Japan and Thailand. I was interested in meeting some Chinese people, so I took the opportunity," Brotemarkle said.

In the past year the CLC has done many activities. During the fall semester of 2008, the CLC offered a trip to Cornell University, held a dumpling party in Laurel Manor, and also collected donations for the children that survived the earthquake that occurred in WenChuan, China last Spring.

During the 1890s weekend they had a booth where they wrote translated English names



PHOTO BY BRITTANY MERTSOCK

Two members of the Chinese Language Club with a presentation during the Chinese Spring Festival that was held in the beginning of the semester.

into Chinese characters onto rice paper and explaining the meaning of each character. It was very popular with the community and they are planning on doing it again in the Spring.

"Just like the start of every club, we suffered problems as well. We lost some registered members but fortunately, we also gained some new ones," Wei said.

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# CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

| Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sunday                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                           |
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| 12<br>~4p.m. -6 p.m. Cell Phone Separation Anxiety: Effects on Cognitive Performance Alumni Hall 317<br>~8 p.m. Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" at Straughn Auditorium. \$5 students w/ID, \$7 senior citizens, \$10 staff and general public. | 13<br>~7 p.m. String Orchestra Concert<br>~8 p.m. Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" at Straughn Auditorium. \$5 students w/ID, \$7 senior citizens, \$10 staff and general public. | 14<br>~12 p.m. Alissa Copman, Senior Voice Recital<br>~3 p.m. Nathan Gallows and Brandon Carbonari, Senior Trombone and Euphonium Recital<br>~7:30 p.m. Faculty/Woodwind Brass Chamber Music Concert | 15<br>~1 p.m. Duane Swank and Louis Setzer, Junior trumpet/Trombone Recital<br>~3 p.m. Rachelle Brisson, Senior Voice Recital | 16                                                                                     | 17<br>~3 p.m. -7 p.m. CAREER MINI-CONFERENCES (FREE for students) Location: Alumni Hall - 3rd Floor | 18<br>~4 p.m. -5:30 p.m. What Can I Do in the Field of...Business, Information Technology & Math? Location: AHSC312 |
| 19<br>~4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Behind the Fence: Writing Poetry in Prison Location: Alumni Hall 317<br>~8 p.m. American Idol David Cook in Concert - Straughn Hall - Doors open at 7 p.m.                                                                | 20<br>~Last Day to Withdraw from a course<br>~SAO Bus Trip to Elmira Jackals Hockey Game - Feel the Bite Jackals Night - Bus departs Laurel at 6 p.m.                                 | 21<br>~6 a.m. SAO Bus Trip to Inner Harbor Baltimore and National Aquarium- Students \$10<br>~3 p.m. Sara Scott, Senior voice Recital<br>~8 p.m. Mansfieldians Concert, St. James Episcopal Church   | 22<br>~2 p.m. Tami Heyler and Derek Keifer, Senior Violin/Voice Recital<br>~6 p.m. Kelly Weaver, Graduate French Horn Recital | 23<br>~8 p.m. Peter Orth, Guest Piano Artist<br>~Registration for Fall Semester Begins | 24                                                                                                  | 25<br>~11 a.m. Council of Trustees Meeting 6 Floor North Hall Community Room                                        |



**'CHINESE LANGUAGE CLUB'**

We eventually established relationships with several departments and associations on and off campus. In the end we strived and we developed relationships among our members. We have everything in progress and have cleared our goal for the future," Wei said.

In the beginning half of the spring semester the CLC has celebrated the Chinese Spring Festival in Upper Manser, and they are also planning on meeting local families with adopted children from China. They will be cooking traditional Chinese food for them and teaching them their native language.

Ben Ingram is a member of the club who is currently studying abroad in China for the semester. "I had already heard an informational meeting on studying in China, and thought joining the club would give me some assistance in learning some Chinese and learn more about the country," Ingram said. "I had also gotten to know some of the Chinese students here, who were very kind and warm-hearted people."

"The benefits of being in the Chinese Language Club are numerous from learning language, culture, friendship, activities like trips, and different perspectives," Brotemarkle said. "I like the club because anyone can have their input. Everything is voted on by all members. They hold elections every semester, and there is a light-hearted atmosphere."

During each meeting, one of the members gives a presentation about a different area of China. Then there is discussion about plans for following meetings, campus events or trips. At the end of the meeting, Dr. Madigan, one of their three advisors, will teach a short Chinese language class and all the Chinese students will practice with the students.

"I have learned things about not only the culture, but about the hometowns of each of the Chinese students there. Every week one of them gave a presentation about their hometown on PowerPoint, all of which were very informative and gave you an idea of what it was like to live in their city," Ingram said. "I was also able to gain additional insight and knowledge necessary for my study in China, such as what to expect and interesting places to visit."

Currently, the CLC has over 20 members, and Wei hopes that the family can grow and be even bigger. In the mean time, if all the members could work hard together, they can help each other to fulfill their mission and achieve their goal. "We are offering premium services to our members, by enhancing communications between Mansfield University's Chinese community and other communities in the Mansfield area, exploring our interests both within and beyond the Chinese Language Club and introducing the Chinese culture to the world," Wei said.

Everyone is encouraged to attend if they are interested in learning about any aspect of the Chinese culture. Meetings are every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall 301.

**'STEM CELL'**

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' committee on pro-life activities, felt that Obama's decision was "A sad victory of politics over science and ethics." "This action is morally wrong because it encourages the destruction of innocent human life, treating vulnerable human beings as mere products to be harvested," Rigali said.

According to an article by the Associated Press, Representative Eric Cantor, the Number two Republican in the House, said the focus should be on the economy, not on a long-simmering debate over stem cells.

"Frankly, federal funding of embryonic stem cell research can bring on embryo harvesting, perhaps even human cloning that occurs," he said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union." "We don't want that. And certainly that is something that we ought to be talking about, but let's take care of business first. People are out of jobs."

Many Conservatives across the country are against the reversal of this policy. There are some members of the republican party who do support stem-cell research such as Nancy Reagan, widow of the late Republican President Ronald Reagan and United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Arlen Specter. Specter has been a victim of Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer.

**Mansfield's Symphonic Band performs in Steadman**

By CHELSEY SPANGLER

*Special to the Flashlight*

The Mansfield University Symphonic Band and Brass Band performed a concert in Steadman Theater on Sunday February 22, 2009.

The Symphonic Band, which consists of 85 musicians, is under the direction of Dr. Nathan Rinnert.

The concert started with the piece "Full Tilt" by Richard L. Saucedo. "Lullaby for Noah" by Joseph Turin was played next. "Lullaby for Noah" was composed for Glen Adsit's son. Glen Adsit is the director of bands at the University of Hartford. This piece was a lullaby for Noah that Adsit asked Saucedo to write for his son.

"Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo" by Malcom Arnold was played before intermission. This was a three movement piece. Each movement had the same title. Attendee Jessica Velez explained that this moving piece was her favorite of the evening. "I liked this piece because it was fun and easy to listen to," said Velez.

After a brief intermission, the Brass Band took the stage as they played "Be Thou My Vision" by James Curnow. The Brass Band featured several trumpet solos and one alto horn solo in their first piece.

"Music for a Festival," by Philip Sparke was the Brass Band's last piece for the night. This piece was upbeat and the melody was passed throughout the instruments. Jeff Augustine, who is a member of the Brass Band, enjoyed being a part of concert. "I really enjoy being a part of the Brass Band," Augustine said. "I thought it was fun."

The Symphonic Band finished the concert with "Sea to Sky," by Ralph Ford. This piece depicts Ford's journey on the Sea to Sky highway, which goes from Vancouver to the Whistler Ski Resort. This highway goes from sea level up to the ski resort. Each movement in this piece depicts something along the journey. The four movements were, "March: The Lion's Gate," "Shannon Falls," "Stawamus Chief" and "Beyond Whistler."

"My favorite piece was "Beyond Whistler" because it was the most challenging piece," Lauren Kopacko said. Kopacko is a member of the Symphonic Band and she plays percussion. "There were many tempo changes and the triplets were challenging," Kopacko said.

## News in a Flash by Becca

### Sunken Civil War era ship found off of Texas Coast

By REBECCA HAZEN

*Flashlight News Editor*

Experts who search the gulf coast know that there are at least a dozen Civil War-era shipwrecks off the Texas coasts. They might have just found another one.

Contractors were searching for debris from hurricane Ike that struck in Sept. of 2008, near Galveston Island. They found something much bigger than what they bargained for. They took a sonar scan of a sunken ship. The Texas Historical Commission believes it is an undiscovered ship carrying cotton that sank in 1864.

The ship is called The Carolina, also known as The Caroline. It was a privately owned merchant ship. It tried to break through a federal blockade of Galveston, but obviously fell short.

It was pursued for several hours by Union gun ships. Eventually, the crew of the Carolina let the ship run aground in shallow water between Galveston and San Luis Pass. They set the ship on fire, which was preferred over letting the ship be captured by the Union.

Historians say that the ship sunk in the exact location where the contractors took the sonar image. It had probably been buried under many feet of sand until Hurricane Ike swept through and stirred everything up on the ocean floor.

"It's certainly significant if it turns out to be a historic wreck, as we think it is," Steven Hoyt, state marine archaeologist with the Texas Historical Commission, said. Hoyt said the shape of the image indicates the wreckage is a ship, and that he will be studying its size, style and characteristics to determine whether it could be the Carolina. Divers will investigate the wreckage in the spring or summer when the Gulf of Mexico waters are calmer. Even then, visibility could be limited.

The possible wreck was discovered a month ago by general land office contractors hired to clean the surrounding bays of debris from Ike. "Crews have located hundreds of cubic yards of underwater debris, including a shrimping boat, washing machines, refrigerators and furniture," Jim Suydam, land office spokesman, said.

Crews also have found two previously charted Civil War-era shipwrecks: the Acadia and the Will-o-the-Wisp. The two ships are protected state archaeological landmarks.

State workers are not going to reveal the location of the new possible shipwreck in order prevent looters from discovering the site.



# horoscopes

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**ARIES****March 21-April 19**

You're starting to get really frustrated with the busy-work you've been given, but there's no respite until tomorrow at the earliest. Work through it all with a smile or a grimace, but get it done!

**TAURUS****April 20-May 20**

Your artistic nature is wreaking all sorts of lovely havoc today, so mix and match and see what you can come up with. Things are great, but you can make them even better if you make them pretty, too.

**GEMINI****May 21-June 21**

You need to deal with paperwork or bills today before you do anything else. Look through your piles and envelopes to see if you've missed anything -- nobody wants to pay late fees!

**CANCER****June 22-July 22**

You need to narrow your focus and work with the tiny stuff. Whatever you need to take care of can be done with ease, but only if all the details line up. You should be able to handle it all.

**LEO****July 23-August 22**

You're feeling a bit more introspective than usual -- it's one of those days when you're sure to cut a few things from your schedule, if possible, so you can sit and muse over recent happenings.

**VIRGO****August 23-September 22**

You're feeling really good about things today and a quick look at the details proves you're right. If you dive in even more deeply, you should find more reason than ever to feel proud!

**LIBRA****September 23-October 22**

Try a little extra socializing today - you've got the energy and can tell that a renewal is coming up soon, so even if you do tire yourself out, you can expect to feel great again really soon.

**SCORPIO****October 23 - November 21**

Get involved in the planning process for whatever is coming up today - you're a natural and your great mental energy is just what's needed to measure the best possible results when it all comes together.

**SAGITTARIUS****November 22-December 21**

You are feeling like you're at the end of your tether, but only when you're dealing with coworkers or friends. If you can stay at home

**CAPRICORN****December 22-January 19**

It's time for you to connect with someone new -- or someone you haven't heard from in years. Either way, you're likely to need the Internet to make it happen, so look them up and reach out.

**AQUARIUS****January 20-February 18**

Not everyone is on the same page today, but it may be harder to read them -- so use caution! You may have to slow down even more than you want in order to assure yourself all is well.

**PISCES****February 19-March 20**

You need to make sure that you're on the right side of the fence this time -- use your analytical side to figure out who's right and who's just trying to hang on to something they don't deserve.

## Environmental Facts of the Week

1. On average, it costs \$30 per ton to recycle trash, \$50 to send it to the landfill and \$65 to \$75 to incinerate it.
2. A typical family consumes 182 gallons of pop, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers -- make sure they're recycled!
3. The U.S. is the #1 trash-producing country in the world at 1,609 pounds per person per year. This means that 5% of the world's people generate 40% of the world's waste.
4. Roughly 90% of landfill contents are recyclable.

The above facts were taken directly from the Students Environmental Advisory Council of North Dakota State University. Visit their web site at [http://www.seac150m.com/fun\\_facts.html](http://www.seac150m.com/fun_facts.html)

## This day in history: March 12, 1933

On this day in 1933, eight days after his inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first national radio address or "fireside chat," broadcast directly from the White House.

Roosevelt began that first address simply: "I want to talk for a few minutes with the people of the United States about banking." He went on to explain his recent decision to close the nation's banks in order to stop a surge in mass withdrawals by panicked investors worried about possible bank failures. The banks would be reopening the next day, Roosevelt said, and he thanked the public for their "fortitude and good temper" during the "banking holiday."

Roosevelt went on to deliver 30 more of these broadcasts between March 1933 and June 1944. They reached an astonishing number of American households, 90 percent of which owned a radio at the time.

Journalist Robert Trout coined the phrase "fireside chat" to describe Roosevelt's radio addresses, invoking an image of the president sitting by a fire in a living room, speaking earnestly to the American people about his hopes and dreams for the nation. In fact, Roosevelt took great care to make sure each address was accessible and understandable to ordinary Americans, regardless of their level of education. He used simple vocabulary and relied on folksy anecdotes or analogies to explain the often complex issues facing the country.

Roosevelt used the chats to build popular support for his ground-breaking New Deal policies. After World War II began, he used them to explain his administration's wartime policies to the American people. The success of Roosevelt's chats was evident not only in his three re-elections, but also in the millions of letters that flooded the White House. Farmers, business owners, men, women, rich, poor--most of them expressed the feeling that the president had entered their home and spoken directly to them. In an era when presidents had previously communicated with their citizens almost exclusively through spokespeople and journalists, it was an unprecedented step.

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# Spring into fashion with lace, pleats, zippers and fringe

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER

Flashlight Fashion Writer

Just when we thought yellow hues, sheer and the "boyfriend" look were the only trends to look out for this spring, we learn there are much more! Spring fashion this year is all about variety, but it is up to you to make each look your own.

In contrast to yellow, beige and neutrals are making a strong comeback this spring. Instead of constantly wearing bright "look at me colors," try a neutral color here and there. Neutrals provide a relaxed and soft look. They match with just about every color, hence the word neutral, and look great with golds and metallics. Dress your wardrobe up with a classic khaki trench coat for those chilly days for the spring season.

Oversized baggy pants are a definite for the spring. Don't confuse this idea with pants that don't fit your frame at all and fall off your back side. Oversized pants are a little bigger in the waist to allow them to hang and are wide in the leg. Oversized pants give us a break from squeezing into skinny jeans and there comfortable! This look is just to emphasize the boyfriend look, so have fun with it. Pair it with a form fitting shirt and accessories to give more of a girly look.

I'm sure you've seen them everywhere and if not, the zipper detail is back. Granted the exaggerated zipper look is so 80's, but it's so in for the spring. The zipper detail will be

found on everything from pencil skirts and shoes to dresses and even handbags. This gives your look a "tough" girl touch. The zipper look can also be disastrous if not worn right. So don't go crazy with the zippers; remember a little can go a long way.

We all witnessed the First Lady, Michelle Obama, wearing a lace suit at the inauguration. Well, the first lady was ahead of everyone and gave an early introduction of a big spring trend. Lace and fringe are another hit for the spring season. Instead of suits, some designers are matching their lace fabrics with cute, flirty little cocktail dresses. Fringe will be seen more on accessories such as handbags and boots.

Last year was ruffles and this year is...well, pleats! Pleats have become the must have for skirts, shirts and much more for spring. Some pleats are even being seen on pants. It's scary to imagine, but done in the right fashion can possibly look stylish. Be careful with pleats and try not make your style channel a 1970s housewife.

Statement pieces are big this spring. Though big flashy necklaces, oversized earrings and bracelets are the rage for spring try not to wear them all at once; It be overbearing. Along with oversized jewelry, look out for oversized handbags as well!



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Take a cue from Michelle Obama and go lace this spring. The First Lady recently wore a Tracy Reese pink lace dress on the cover of People magazine.

# Oscar night was filled with supprises, speeches and musical spectaculars

By NICK ABEL

Flashlight Features Writer

At Hollywood's biggest night, "Wolverine" stole the show. The "X-Men" character, better known as Hugh Jackman, entertained the audience during his first hosting opportunity at the Academy Awards. Jackman danced and sang across the stage of the Kodak Theater, incorporating several of the nominated films into his opening number.



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The little movie that could, "Slumdog Millionaire," took home the Oscar for Best Picture and another award for Best Director, Danny Boyle.

Unlike ceremonies of the past, the 81 annual Oscars were about more than glitz and glamour. This year's main focus was reinvention, a freshened take on the same ol' awards show.

Following Jackman's engrossing introduction was the award for Best Supporting Actress. In an unusual twist, the nominees were presented by five previous

winners of the category, including Whoopi Goldberg and Tilda Swinton. Actress Penelope Cruz was called to the stage for her work in Woody Allen's "Vicky Cristina Barcelona."

Other awards such as Best Animated Feature ("Wall-E") were announced in traditional fashion, with two presenters and a clip of the nominated work. Speakers included Jennifer Aniston, Jack Black, Sarah Jessica Parker and Ben Stiller (demonstrating a spot-on Joaquin Phoenix impersonation).

In an expected yet deserving turn, Heath Ledger was honored with the Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his portrayal of "The Joker" in "The Dark Knight." The nominees were once again introduced by five previous winners of the award, with such actors as Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Christopher Walken. Though the other nominees were equally powerful in their performances, each of them were overshadowed by the phenomenal yet tragic final role of the late Ledger.

Between the awards, Jackman and his exuberant motif kept viewers entertained. In an ensemble tribute to musicals, the host was joined by singer Beyonce' Knowles and "High School Musical" stars Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens. The group reminisced numbers from such classics as "West Side Story" and "Grease."

Former award winners Nicole Kidman and Halle Berry were among the presenters for Best Actress in a leading role, a category overflowing with talent and range. After six nominations, Kate Winslet was finally awarded the golden statue for her performance as a former Nazi guard in "The Reader."

Best Actor nominees were revealed by Michael Douglas and Sir Anthony Hopkins, among other past winners. Sean Penn was called to the podium for the



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Kate Winslet was all smiles when she was awarded an Oscar for her portrayal as a Nazis in "The Reader."

second time in his career, this year for his role in "Milk." In the film, Penn portrayed an openly gay politician in San Francisco who was later assassinated.

The cinderella story of the year was "Slumdog Millionaire," an independent film that earned critical and commercial acclaim. "Slumdog" defeated "Milk," "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Frost/Nixon" and "The Reader" to win Best Picture. The film was also awarded in the Best Directing category, with Danny Boyle taking home the Oscar.

The Oscar evening had a few surprises and even more spectacles, but in the end the broadcast hit its desired mark: entertainment.



# Dairy farmers take cut in milk prices in the face of recession

By KAY BARRETT  
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Got milk? Well, dairy farmers got it, but are having a problem getting paid for it. During the recent economic recession, dairy farmers across the country have taken a huge blow with milk prices being cut by half.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania has 8,900 dairy farms and 98 percent of them are operated by farm families. Many of those farms are now having trouble making a profit. According to WNEP-TV out of Scranton, Pennsylvania dairy farmers are only being paid \$1 per gallon, while it takes double that amount to operate the farms.

The *Scranton Tribune* reported last month that from January to February milk prices drop 27 percent and they aren't expected to rise.

"The problem will get worse soon for farmers... a Montrose-area dairy farmer... expects the bulk rate to drop to \$11 within weeks..." The *Scranton Tribune* reported.

Dairy farmer Paul Manning told The *Scranton Tribune* that farmers are stuck in a hard position. "Farmers don't have too many choices," Manning said. "They are actually losing money to produce milk."

Dairy farmers in the state have been fighting to have the cost of production factored into their milk checks, since it costs more to feed the cows, fuel the tractors and operate the farm than the farmers are currently getting paid for milk.

If the average farmer is now making \$15 for every 100 pounds of milk they produce and if in a regular pick up day a farmer sends 7,500 pounds of milk, the farmer will receive \$1,125 before taxes. They must then subtract feed costs, which can range from \$200 to \$400 per month, electricity costs, fuel costs for farm machinery, household bills, pay for hired hands, vet bills, minerals cost and other miscellaneous expenses.

At this point, farmers like many other people in the country, can just do their best to survive and wait out the economic slump.

In honor of the PA dairy farmers, here is the recipe for an Orange Cow. It is creamsicle flavored milkshake that will not only satisfy your sweet tooth but also your calcium intake.

**Orange Cow**  
Serving: 1  
½ cup of milk  
¾ cup of pulp free  
orange juice  
2 scoops vanilla ice  
cream

(Note: You can also use 1 ½  
tablespoon of frozen orange  
juice concentrate)

**Directions:** Blend all  
ingredients together in  
a high-speed blender.  
Enjoy!



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# Undeclared students could find a home in the education department

By TRISHA PHILIP  
Special to the Flashlight

When attending college, deciding on what profession you would like to pursue for your career is not always an easy process. If you are a student at Mansfield and are still trying to decide, the education department is a wonderful place to start.

"Remember that our nation's first great leaders were also our first great scholars," John F. Kennedy said. The education department takes Kennedy's words to heart. The department also makes it their mission to prepare students to be caring and to make sure all the students have the knowledge to be an effective teacher.

Jill Scott is one of the department's secretaries. Scott works more with the special education field of the department, while also working with the department budget and helping at the library. Scott has been with the education department for a little over a year and says that she, the 14 full-time professors, seven part-time professors, and other faculty members are more than willing to help the students find their way.

The Mansfield University's Education and Special Education Department offer the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor's in Science Education (B.S.E.) for elementary education; special education B.S.E.; leadership for children and adults with disabilities B.S.E. (non-teaching) and secondary education B.S.E. which includes chemistry, earth and space science, physics, English, French, German,



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Retan Center has served as home base to the education department since 1939 when it was an elementary school that provided education students with an atmosphere to observe both teaching practices and student interaction.

Spanish, mathematics, and social studies. Early childhood education offers a certification program

According to Scott, there are opportunities for

students who would like to become tutors and who are willing to help children learn to read. Another opportunity for education majors is to join Student-Pennsylvania State Education Association (SPSEA), which meets every Thursday. SPSEA has a mission to involve students in all areas of education within the state of PA. This helps students gain personal growth and knowledge for the field outside of school.

Many of the opportunities offered at Mansfield allow the students to get out into the community and make a few dollars doing it. SPSEA and tutoring can help build students resume for furthering a career in education. The education department looks for their students to be leaders, not only on campus but also in the community. Their goal is, "Fostering leadership in education, so these skills may be continued throughout your career!"

More Information on the Mansfield University's  
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# "Basket Case" provides humor, suspense and muckraking for reader delight

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"Basket Case" was published in 2002 and is the ninth novel from Carl Hiaasen. It was a *New York Times* best-seller and is from a master mind of comic crime. This novel is set in sunny Florida.

The main character is an obituary writer for the *Union-Register*, a fictitious South Florida newspaper, named Jack Tagger. Jack's adventure starts off when he sees a death notice for James Bradley Stomarti aka Jimmy Stoma, lead singer of the rock band Jimmy and the Slut Puppies.

This novel has the same feel of many old murder mysteries but Hiaasen adds some situations that people could relate to in today's society. He shows what could happen to just your ordinary obituary

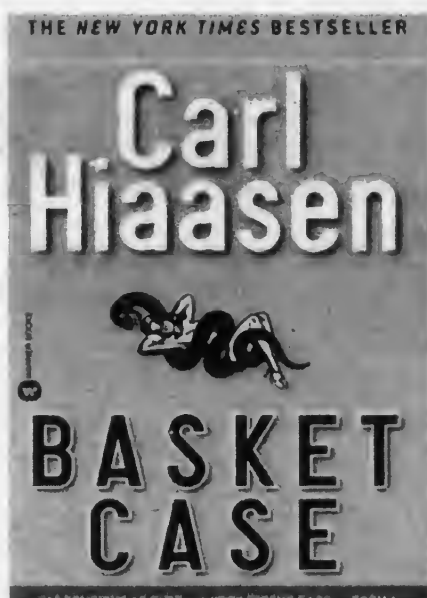


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Carl Hiaasen was previously a reporter at The Miami Herald. In 1986, he wrote his first novel, "Tourist Season," and has since penned a number of both adult and junior fiction works.

writer as he struggles to advance at the newspaper. Hiaasen has parts in the book where he throws in his opinion about today's media and goes on self-assured banter, but he puts facts behind his information and not just thoughts.

This is one murder mystery adults will find interesting and enjoy reading. "Basket Case" is just one of Carl Hiaasen's comic classic crime novels. This novel has some laughs, some twisted moments, but still gets some serious points across.

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## India.Arie shows some love and social consciousness on "Testimony" Vol. 2

By MONTE ALEXANDER

*Flashlight Features Writer*

Two time Grammy winner India.Arie returns to the music scene by delivering a musical masterpiece.

India.Arie's fourth album, "Testimony, Vol. 2: Love & Politics" is lyrically her best. Featuring many unknown guest artists including reggae singer, Gramps Morgan on the album's first single, "Therapy" and R&B singer, Terrell Carter on "Yellow" sings about the album topic of choice-- love.

The album also features guest appearances from Grammy nominated singer and Arie's former

boyfriend, Musiq Soulchild, on the album's second single, "Chocolate High" and legendary rapper, MC Lyte on "Psalms 23," an inspirational track that describes Arie's battle with facing failure and overcoming obstacles.

"Testimony, Vol. 2: Love & Politics" taps into just about every human emotion. You can feel Arie's joy on "Ghetto," as she reminds us that no matter where in the world you go, everywhere is a ghetto.

Her track "The Cure" reminds us that the biggest global "disease" is hate. Lyrically, the track makes listeners feel somewhat guilty for the possible hate they may have inflicted on others, whether done consciously or not. However, the song offers a simple solution to the problem. In the end, the cure for hate is love.

"Long Goodbye," is a track that finds Arie delivering the best vocal performance of her career, and displays her ability to let go of love even though it can be a difficult thing to do. The track has the ingredients to earn her a Grammy nomination and a possible win.

The second album in India.Arie's testimony series, delivers a conscientious, in-depth look into the social issues we face today. "Testimony, Vol.2: Love & Politics" will go down as India.Arie's most organic and lyrically fulfilling album. Proving to have knowledge and a sense of the world she lives, India.Arie surpasses other neo-soul artist.

In an industry where most female artists are unwilling to live in someone's "spotlight" or pleading with their male counterparts to "put a ring on it," India.Arie managed to deliver a musical masterpiece by putting professional gains aside in order to restore a sense of hope and faith to a world desperately in need of change.



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Love is in the air on Arie's new album. Filled with guest artists including Musiq, Gramps Morgan, and MC Lyte, Arie has tracks that reflect social change and acceptance of all.

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## 1. Stockton, Calif.



Stockton takes the top spot as the most miserable city for its high violent rates, high income tax rates (the only city with higher rates is NYC), long commute times and unemployment, which is expected to hit 13.4 percent.

## 3. Chicago, Ill.



In addition to high unemployment and layoffs, the "Windy City" comes in at number three for its corrupt politicians. Forbes reports that in the last ten years, Chicago has convicted "385 public officials."

# Top 10 Most Miserable United States

Forbes has released its list of the Top 10 Most Miserable Measure to look at the largest cities in the United States with a population of over 378,000. The nine factors used for ranking were crime, commute times, corruption, pro sports teams, and more.

## 4. Cleveland, Ohio



With 52 inches of snowfall each year, Cleveland is no holiday during the winter months. The home of the NFL's Cleveland Browns comes in at number four.



# Miserable Cities in the States

Most Miserable Cities. They used their Forbes the U.S., or those with a population of at least were: Superfund sites, unemployment, violent teams, weather and taxes (income and sales).

## 5. Modesto, Calif.



Car owners beware! Modesto has the most car thefts in the entire state. Making it even more miserable is its rising unemployment rate that is predicted to be 16.7 percent by the end of 2009.

## 2. Memphis, Tenn.



The city of blues has its share of problems. Memphis has the second highest violent crime rate (Detroit is number one) and some of the worst sports records. Forbes found that Memphis' NBA team, the Grizzlies, have lost 74 percent of their games.

## Also on the list...

6. Flint, Mich.
7. Detroit, Mich.
8. Buffalo, N.Y.
9. Miami, Fla.
10. St. Louis, Mo.

# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

*Nothing to do? Try attending a campus event - you paid for it!*



Post-break greetings and salutations readers! I hope you've all returned to Mansfield refreshed and ready to dive back into your schoolwork. (Well, at least one of the two). Can you believe there are only two months of the semester left? As a graduating senior,

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this time frame is both exciting and terrifying.

As the final days of the semester wind down and my final days of undergrad wind down, there are some great events taking place on campus. The Vagina Monologues will be performed tonight and tomorrow. Last year's American Idol winner, David Cook, will be putting on a show next Thursday. There are also music and voice recitals every weekend. Be sure to study hard, but take time to enjoy the activities around campus as well.

I know that everyone complains that there is never anything to do in Mansfield, but if you take the time to read the campus calendar, the info-to-go section of the Flashlight and the posted flyers around campus, you'll realize that our student organizations try to provide great entertainment.

I encourage you to attend these events as often as possible. Maybe the theme of Kelchner's next late night doesn't seem like your style. Maybe pop music isn't your thing. Regardless, attending a full-scale big name concert free of charge or getting a free build-a-bear shouldn't be passed up.

Technically, your money has paid for all of these events. Remember those expensive student activity fees you pay? Those funds are responsible for almost all of the events put on by student organizations. Student government senators and committee on finance members have all worked hard so that you, the students, won't have to pay admission for these events. By paying an admission fee, students would essentially be charged twice for each event. In return, all they ask is that you give the events a chance.

Personally, I don't watch American Idol and I've never heard of David Cook. (Although my mom still calls after every exciting episode to ask, "Did you see that?"). I'll still be there in two weeks, watching my money at work. I'd rather watch a live concert than sit home and watch bad reality television.

Still think there is nothing to do on campus? Have an opinion about being charged twice? Let us hear about it by writing an e-mail to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).

## Fun Fact of the Week

"The human eye blinks an average of 4,200,000 times a year."

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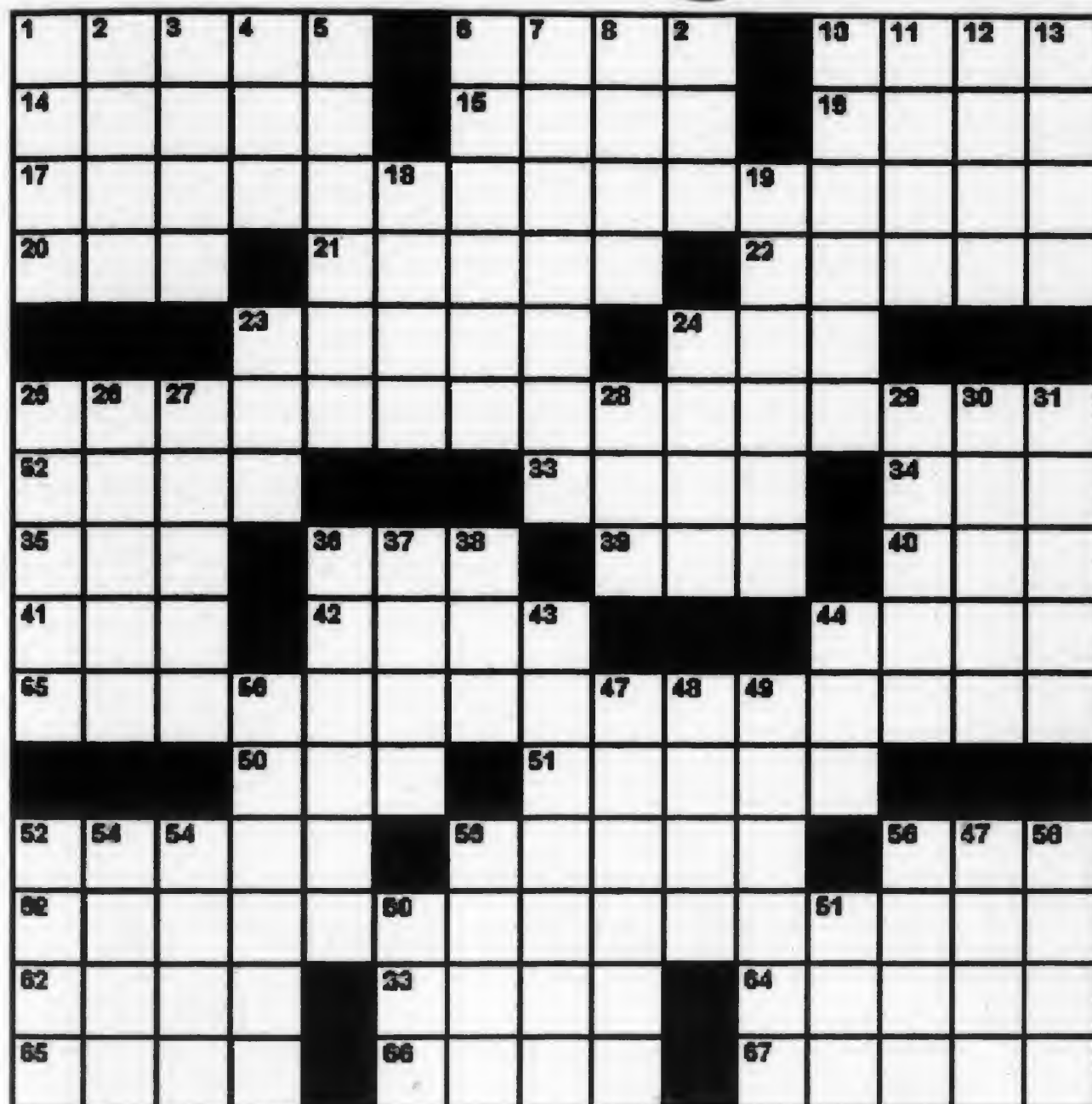
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# Flashlight Puzzle Page



## Across

1. Al Borlen might wear this type of shirt
6. A courtesy title for a woman in Spanish
10. Brother of Cain
14. Motion City Soundtrack tune, "When \_\_\_ Around"
15. Revealing game, "never have I \_\_\_"
16. To put on, as a burden
17. What money is worth overseas, plural
20. Former name of Tokyo
21. Having little or no ability to react
22. An independent ruler or chieftain

23. Pinnochio's exclamation "I'm \_\_\_ boy!"
24. Jennifer Lopez' sister Irene, perhaps
25. Comfortable or settled
32. Right away!
33. Type or pony or shirt
34. Counterpart to Freud's Id
35. A distinctive doctrine
36. To speak, utter
39. Mule, donkey or fool
40. Any vast area covered with sand
41. Agency responsible for safety of civilian aviation, acronym
42. Cold tea

44. Away from the wind
45. Software researchers
50. A metric unit of area equal to 100 square meters
51. Confusion; turmoil
52. To happen again, as in a dream
55. With full force
56. A bag-like structure containing fluid
59. Too aggressive
62. List of food items
63. Mint, Thyme, Rosemary, for example
64. They burn rubber
65. They inarch in one by one

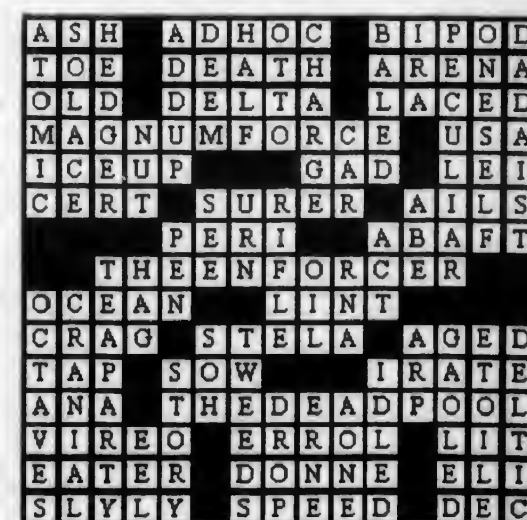
66. Type of button at Staples
67. Necessary for bread to rise

## Down

1. A pile or heap of combustible material
2. A quantity able to be carried at one time
3. Car, for instance
4. Intense anger; wrath
5. To wish or long for
6. The New England Patriots experienced this in the 2008 Super Bowl
7. To cover and extend beyond
8. MTV dating show
9. Anything bow-shaped
10. Remember these
11. A witch's brew might include wolfs \_\_\_
12. Bridget Jones: The \_\_\_ of Reason
13. A sly look
18. Less than twos
19. The ancient Greek god of the sun
23. One Swiss mountain
24. Not healthy, plural
25. Stray items or articles
26. Short literary composition
27. Buddhist monks of Tibet
28. Feather or constrictor
29. These add inches to any outfit
30. A plume or tuft of feathers
31. The elected chief magistrate of the former republics of Venice and Genoa

36. A chain of hills or mountains
37. Wile E Coyote's favorite brand
38. Not no
43. Any of various hard resins obtained from trees of the genera, plural
44. An affirmative vote
46. Zodiac sign signified by a bull
47. Close to
48. \_\_\_tle bit
49. Quality or state of being mild or gentle
52. Small variety of tomato
53. Shia LaBeouf show, \_\_\_ Stevens
54. A single bronze coin of the U.S.
55. Single body of salt water
56. Any watery animal fluid
57. Fermented alcoholic beverages
58. Sporelike cell with resistant, protective wall
60. Not he
61. To strive in competition or rivalry with another

## Solution to last week's puzzle:



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## The Flashlight: Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

The idea of the flag poles has been bouncing around campus. What is the deal? How much do the flag poles cost and why do we really need them? It is common knowledge that we do not have excess funds right now at this University. I can think of much better uses for the money that would go to frivolous flag poles.

For Example:

The tutors in the Learning Center all agree that the technology is not up to date and that we have very limited resources. We could even hire more tutors who would benefit the campus. The Learning Center is available to everyone and is a great resource to all students and the tutors wish that more people would utilize it. Let's make sure that the students know where the flags are from before we get flag poles.

Tutors not Flag Poles!!

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Gibbon

## How Well Do You Know...

### Disturbia

1. Which Disney Channel show did Shia LaBeouf star in before breaking onto the silver screen?

- a. The Famous Jett Jackson
- b. Even Stevens
- c. The Wizards of Waverly Place
- d. My So-Called Life

2. What offense lands Shia on house arrest?

- a. stealing a car
- b. breaking into his neighbor's home
- c. hitting his teacher
- d. running away from home

3. What snack food does Kale make a tower out of in his bedroom?

- a. twinkies
- b. swiss cake rolls
- c. girl scout cookies
- d. oreos

4. Where does Kale's crush spend most of her time?

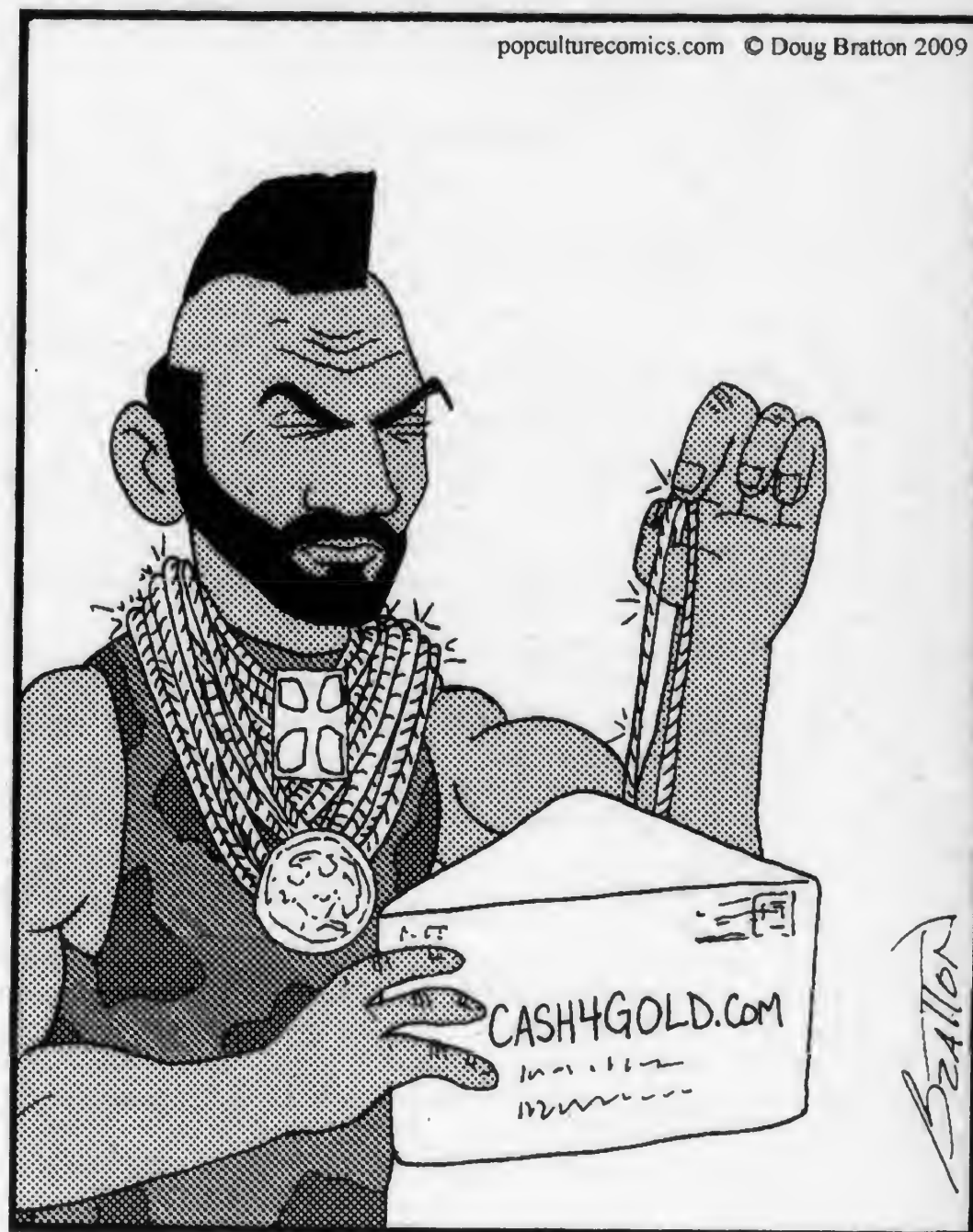
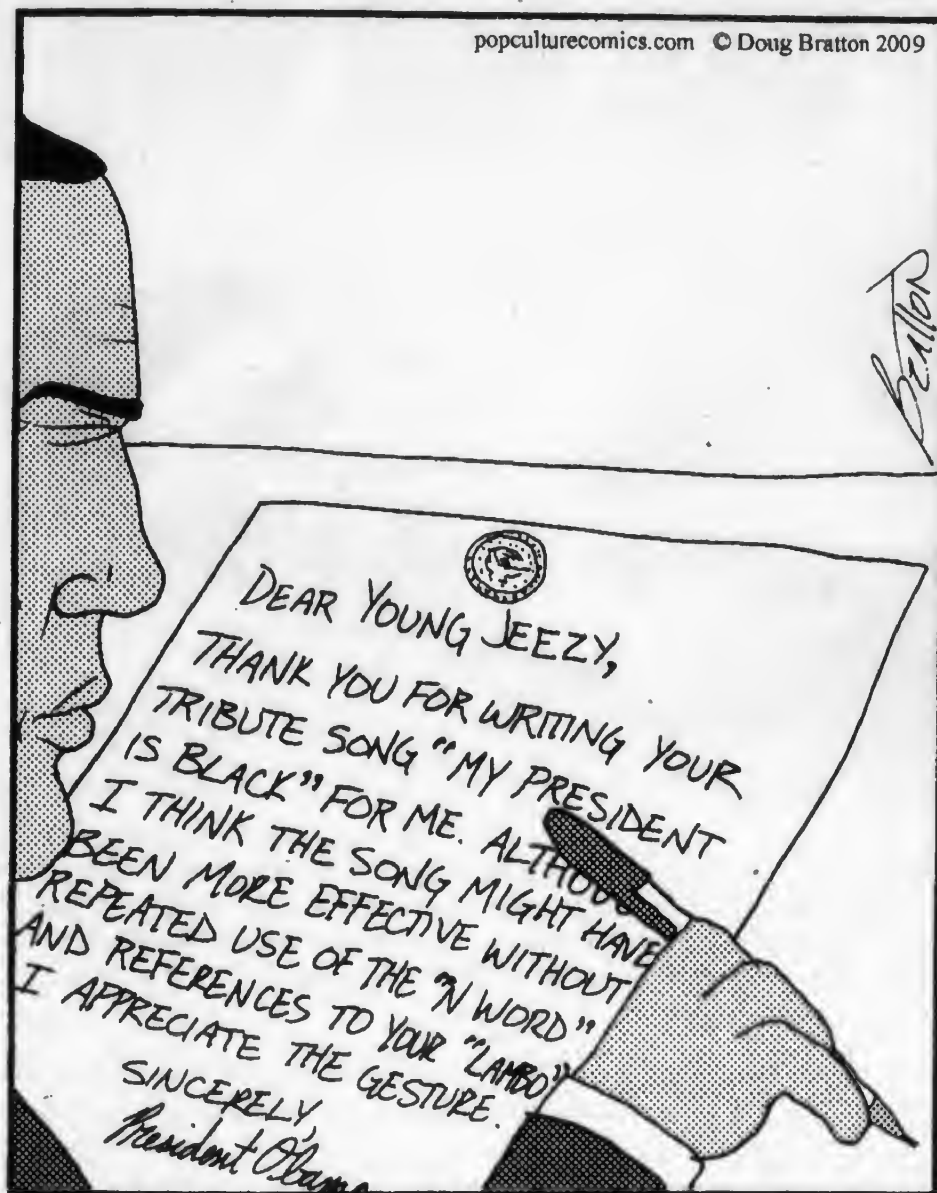
- a. in her room
- b. at Kale's home
- c. riding her bike
- d. on her roof



Answers: 1. b 2. c 3. a 4. d



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# Tricia Learn breaks school record at PSAC Championship

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

Mansfield University's women's swim team ended their season finishing 14 overall at the 2009 PSAC Championships at Cumberland Valley High School on Sunday, Feb. 22.

The team earned a total of 36 points throughout the four-day meet and finished six points behind Slippery Rock University.

Senior Tricia Learn was the only swimmer to compete in the individual races, but she was joined by teammates Megan Smickley, Samantha Kutsel, Christine Gillies and Brenae Edwards during the relays.

Learn made the biggest splash for Mansfield University during a time trial on day four of the championships where she broke the school record in the 200 yard Individual Medley (IM). Her time of 2:17.22 knocked off Candace Cipolla's previous record of 2:17.96 from 1999.

Learn's time during the time trial was 1.14 seconds faster than her previous finish in the 200 yard IM prelims on day two of the championships. During the race on Friday - day 2, she placed 26 and finished with a time of 2:18.36.

"Tricia's first time around in the 200 IM was a personal best, but she had some very sloppy turns," head coach Ian Coffey said. "She was bummed out, but I told her we were doing it again because I knew she could do it. She went again on Sunday morning and she just missed it. When she got out of the water, she told me, 'I'm doing it again!' I went straight to the scorer's table and it was all set. At the final time trial, she swam right before the meet started and the crowd was going crazy. There were some fast time trials before her and I think she fed off the crowd and was focused and ultimately came home with a new school record. It was very exciting."

"I missed the 200 IM record by 4 tenths of a second in the prelims on Friday," Learn said. "That is really close, just one instant too long on the wall during a turn or too short of a glide off the wall, so I wanted to try again. When I swam a time trial Sunday morning, I missed it by 2 tenths of a second. I knew I would regret it if I didn't try again so I did another time trial Sunday night and finally made it by almost a full second."

Learn noted that breaking the school record was as much a mental obstacle to overcome as it was a physical one.

"By the time Sunday rolled around I only had one individual event left (200 back) and the meet had not been one of my greatest," Learn said. "I felt good in the 200 back, but I failed to do a PR (personal record) or make finals. Knowing it was my last individual event, I was pretty crushed because that was what I had worked for all summer and all season long. I was so disheartened that I told my mom I didn't want to do the relay or the time trial we had planned for the 200 IM - I just wanted to be done. My mom is great, however, and reminded me of all the hard work I'd done. I have to say it took every ounce of determination left in me and a lot of praying to get me back in that pool. My teammates were surprised I was going to go for the time trial even after another disappointment, but I told them I was doing it to prove a point: I don't give up."

Learn also competed on Friday in the 400 yard medley relay alongside teammates Kutsel, Smickley and Edwards. Their relay team finished 13 with a time of 4:33.41, earning eight points for Mansfield University. These eight points were combined with six points from earlier in the day after Edwards, Smickley, Kutsel and Gillies earned a 14 place finish in the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:53.56).

On day three of the championships Learn, Kutsel, Gillies

and Edwards started things out with a 14 place finish in the 200 yard medley relay (2:05.60). Learn competed in two more swims on Saturday, earning an 18 place finish in the prelims of the 100 yard backstroke (1:02.02) and joining Gillies, Edwards and Smickley in the 800 yard freestyle relay. This relay team finished 12 with a time of 8:38.71, earning Mansfield 10 points and bringing their team total to 30.

"The girls put their best into every relay and we had some season personal records in them," Learn said. "Megan especially improved and we saw a lot of her hard work pay off. Brenae is a tough cookie who stuck out the meet after juggling training for indoor track and swimming. She even ran each day while at the meet."

Learn finished out her collegiate career competing in the 200 yard backstroke and the 400 yard freestyle relay on Sunday - day 4 of the meet. She finished 22 in the prelims of the 200 yard backstroke (2:15.83) and joined Edwards, Gillies and Smickley in the freestyle relay where they earned a 14 place finish with a time of 3:58.71. This final race brought the team's grand total to 36 points.

"The team, as a whole, swam well during the meet," Coffey said. "I was happy to see the girls swim their fastest at the end of the season. No matter what level you're coaching at, once you're at the conference meet, your adrenaline starts flowing and you get caught up in the excitement. There were some very fast swims, but when it's all over, you look back and see how well we did. I was impressed on how we did against the conference."

Learn finishes her collegiate career holding Mansfield University records in the 1650 yard freestyle and the 200 yard IM.



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Tricia Learn ended her collegiate swimming career breaking the school record in the 200 yard IM at the PSAC Championship with a time of 2:17.22. During the meet, Learn also placed 18 place in the prelims of the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:02.02 and placed 22 in the prelims of the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 2:15.83.

"Tricia swam great this season," Coffey said. "Whatever event she swam, she swam her fastest and gave it her all. Overall, she proved she is one of the best swimmers in the history of the program and will be missed next year. She was a great leader both in and out of the pool, leading with her work ethic and never taking a set off. She's also a 4.0 student. As for next season, we have some girls coming back who are really excited and we have some girls who are already committed for the fall. Right now, I am recruiting like crazy to get some more girls here. Next year we have a different schedule and I think we'll do much better with more numbers. As for this season, it was tough, but the girls stuck it out and got the rewards for working hard with fast swims. I am very proud of them and cannot wait until next year."

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# Men's basketball loses to Kutztown in PSAC quarterfinals

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

Mansfield's men's basketball team ended their season, losing 97-86 to Kutztown University on Tuesday, March 3 in the quarterfinals of the PSAC playoffs.

Kutztown, ranked number one in the PSAC East, had not lost a home game at Keystone Hall all season and maintained a 13-1 record entering the game.

Despite being the underdog, Mansfield kept the early lead in the first half until a foul shot from Kutztown's Stephen Dennis tied things up 16-16 at the 13:06 mark. The Golden Bears then went on a 17-6 scoring run and led by as many as 11 points after a layup from senior Andre Woodlin with 6:28 remaining.

"We knew going into the game that we would have to do a great job on defense," head coach Rich Miller said. "We wanted to try to keep guys like Stephen Dennis, Woodlin, Dave Ben and Ryan Washington at or below their shooting average. We knew we wouldn't be able to shut them down and keep them to only five points, but at the same time we knew we had to keep these guys below what they normally produce."

Mansfield didn't let up and rallied toward the end of the half, tying the game 37-37 after a layup from Ryan Callahan with 44 seconds to go. However, despite their efforts, the Golden Bears would score once more in the half off of a layup from Woodlin and enter into the locker room with the 39-37 lead.

"We felt as though, in order to win, one of the things we'd have to do is control the tempo of the game and I feel like we did that in the first half," Miller said. "In addition to stopping some of their big shooters on defense, we also knew that we had to score. We wanted to keep up with Kutztown on offense and we did that during the first half."

Kutztown only shot six percent better than Mansfield from the floor in the first half (48 percent to 42 percent) while Mansfield out-shot Kutztown from behind the arc 22 percent to 20 percent.

The Mountaineers continued to keep the score close at the onset of the second half, but the momentum would not remain mutual. After a dunk from Kutztown's Ryan Washington at the 13:01 mark, the Golden Bears went on to lead by as many as 12 points on four separate occasions over the next 11 minutes. It was a run that closed the book on any hopes of the Mountaineer's making it to the next round of playoffs.

"The second half was definitely more intense," Miller said. "Everyone was picking up the momentum and taking some quick shots. The difference was that they kept knocking down their shots while some of ours wouldn't fall. I mean, Kutztown shot 60 percent from the floor in the second half, which is outstanding. We shot 40 percent from behind the arc in the second and those missed threes led to some easy transition points for the other team. We also had 17 turnovers throughout the game, which were a few too many. In the second half, they were just a little bit better at controlling the tempo."

Despite the Golden Bear's 10 point lead with 2:22 to go, Mansfield attempted to chip away at the spread. A three-pointer from Chris Pender at the 1:39 mark and a layup from senior captain Chris Greene 15 seconds later brought the deficit to as few as five points, but the Mountaineers could not overtake the lead. Kutztown went on to win the game 97-86.

"It wasn't so much that we did poorly on defense or offense. It was more that Kutztown just played a really nice game," Miller said. "Dennis is an outstanding player. In all my year's coaching here, he's probably one of the best guards I've

ever seen. So while, yes, we could have done some things better, I still feel we played an average game while they simply played an above average one."

Despite the loss, several Mansfield players held up their end offensively. Callahan led the Mountaineers in scoring with a season high 27 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals. He was followed closely by Yuseff Carr, who just missed out on his sixth double-double with 16 points and a game-high nine rebounds. Pender added 10 points and seven rebounds and the team's sole senior, Greene, ended his collegiate basketball career with nine points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

"Callahan shot the ball well," Miller said. "He was able to create and get into the lane and finish shots. One of the things we've focused on with Callahan all season was turnovers and shooting percentages. During the game, he only had three turnovers and he was 10-18 from the floor which is where we want him to be. He played hard and it was a good day for him. Other players who did well for us were Yuseff who, while it wasn't his best game, helped us get things done in the second half, Greene who played hard and got the ball to the hole for us and Donny Lyons who played hard on defense down the stretch."

The game against Kutztown marked the team's first playoff birth since the 2005-06 season, when the team made it to the semi-finals, but lost to Shippensburg University.

Leading up to the playoff birth, Mansfield played their final four regular season games against East Stroudsburg University (ESU), West Chester University, Bloomsburg University and Millersville University.

The Mountaineers lost the first two games against ESU and West Chester, losing 75-71 and 91-82 respectively, before defeating Bloomsburg 82-68 and Millersville 78-74. The Bloomsburg and Millersville games were a crucial do-or-die situation for the Mountaineers. Based on the standings, Mansfield had to win both games and hope that West Chester won their final game against ESU in order to pick up the final playoff birth.

Freshman forward Tony Fannick played an important role in those final regular season games and was named PSAC East Freshman of the Week for the fifth time this year, due to his efforts against Bloomsburg and Millersville. He averaged 16.5 points and seven rebounds during those games, shooting 57 percent from the floor (11-19), 50 percent from behind the arc (3-6) and 88 percent from the free throw line (8-9). This season, he averaged 10 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

The Mountaineers end their season with a 15-12 overall record and a 7-6 record in the conference.

"Our goal, as a program, is to get to playoffs and even a little further than that," Miller said. "Anytime you make it to the top four, it's a success. Maybe if we had won two more of our games down the stretch, and we would have earned a home court advantage, we could have gotten a few games beyond where we fell - but anyway you look at it, it was a successful season."

All players will be returning next year with the exception of Greene.

"Anytime you lose a player, it's tough," Miller said. "We're



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Chris Greene, the only senior on the men's basketball team, ends his collegiate basketball career leading the team in steals with 33 and assists with 85. In the team's final game against Kutztown University, Greene put up nine points, pulled down three rebounds and capped things off with one assist and one steal.

definitely going to miss Chris [Greene]. He's a great student athlete and a kid who always played hard. He's going to be a difficult player to replace. For next season, one of the biggest things we'll have to do is simply develop our guys within the program to step up and take those places."

Greene ends his season averaging 8.4 points per game and 2.5 rebounds. He had the most steals out of anyone of the team with 33 and the most assists with 85 and he shot a season average of 40 percent from the floor, despite an ankle injury earlier in the year.

While the season just ended, coach Miller has started considering some of the things that the team will need to work on for next season.

"We're also going to be looking to work on five of the things we focused on this season: half court defense and offense, bettering team leadership, becoming tougher inside and having more self-motivation," Miller said. "We'll also look to work on transition defense and keeping other team's scoring down in the sixties. I have a lot of confidence that we can score 70 or 80 a game and we were the leading free throw shooters in the league this season, but this is a league dominated by guards and the same teams that were at the top of the league this year will be at the top next year too. We need to step things up and be able to compete at this level. However, while what we need to work on isn't as clear-cut as it was last season, there's no doubt in my mind that we'll be a better team next year."



# Women's basketball drops final four games of the season

By ERICA FERGUSON and NICOLE HAGAN

*Flashlight Sports Writer and Flashlight Sports Editor*

The women's basketball team lost their final four games, ending their season with a 7-12 record overall and a 3-11 record in the PSAC East.

Their losses came against West Chester University, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) and Bloomsburg University on the road in addition to Millersville University in their final home game on Feb. 28.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, the women's team traveled to face ESU, looking to continue a two-game winning streak, but fell 64-47. The team was joined by a group of fans sent by the student government association spirit committee to cheer the women and men to victories. Freshman Mallory Moore led the Mountaineers, recording a double-double with 14 points and 14 rebounds, but it was not enough.

The game started off with the Mountaineers scoring the first basket and holding a 7-4 lead four minutes into the game. Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, that was the last lead the women would have against the Warriors all night. ESU proceeded to take a 34-19 lead at halftime and never looked back.

The Mountaineers tried to close the gap in the first two minutes of the second half, making the score 34-25 after a pair of free throws from Rebecca Pollack, but could not pull any closer. The Warriors proceeded to go on a 13-4 run, leading by 18 points after a layup from ESU's Jackie Yandrisevits, and would lead by as many as 18 points on three other occasions in the remainder of the half.

The Mountaineers only shot 29.1 percent from the floor during the game and 18.8 from behind the arc, despite shooting 63.2 percent from the free throw line.

Moore's double-double was her third of the season and her 14 rebounds were a season high. Other top scorers for the women were Clarissa Correll who added 11 points and freshman Nicole Pender who contributed with eight points and five steals.

"Statistically, Moore has really proven herself this season and has stood out as one of the freshman we can turn to in order to get things done," head coach Ruth Hermansen said. "Pender has stood out as well. While she doesn't show it as much statistically, she has a lot of potential and I'm sure she'll be a play-maker in the seasons to come."

The following Saturday the women traveled to West Chester to face a team that was 9-3 in the conference. Cold shooting led the women to face another tough loss, however, and the team was defeated 65-38.

The women were unable to land any shots until four minutes into the game when Moore hit a jumper. West Chester took advantage of the poor shooting and went on a 12-2 run over the next eight minutes, while the Mountaineers made only one of their first 12 shots from the floor. Mansfield picked up their shooting toward the end of the half, earning 13 more points to West Chester's 14, but the Golden Rams still went into the locker room at the halftime buzzer with a 36-20 lead.

Mansfield only managed to shoot 26.9 percent from the floor in the first half and the second 20 minutes brought worse results.

The Golden Rams lead by as many as 33 points in the second half and the Mountaineers ended the game losing 65-38. Throughout the night, they averaged only 23.3 percent from the floor – their third worst performance this season.

"During the past two games against ESU and West Chester, it was the shooting that did us in," Hermansen said. "We weren't finishing our shots. If I had to put a reason behind it, I'd say that our youth and decision making skills explain our inability to finish. Our defense has been impressive the second

half of the season, but since we can't finish our shots and convert on offense, those opportunities that we gain through our defense doesn't show."

Senior Courtney Brooks and Pender led the Mountaineers in points scoring seven points each. Alicia Espigh put up an additional six points and Moore earned six points and five rebounds.

The team's third away game kept the losing streak going as the women picked up a 75-63 loss at Bloomsburg University. However, unlike the previous two games, the Mountaineers kept the game close up until the final four minutes of play.

Mansfield held the largest lead of the first half after a three-pointer from Moore to give them a five point advantage at the 2:55 mark, but it wouldn't last until the buzzer. Bloomsburg went on an 8-0 run in the remaining time and ended the half with a 39-36 lead. During the first twenty minutes of play, there were a total of 11 ties and six lead changes.

The team's went on to earn five more ties in the second half - the last of which was produced from a pair of free throws by Bloomsburg's Kelsey Gallagher with 8:53 left to play. The score remained close, but still in Bloomsburg's favor, until a pair of free throws from Bloomsburg's Kelly Joyce started the Huskies on what would be a 14-5 run over the final four minutes. The final score was 75-63.

"The game was lost at the free throw line and on the boards," Hermansen said. "They took more free throws than we did and that ultimately won them the game. I mean, we had a great full court press going, but if we can't make our free throws than that takes away the option of the press. We missed seven free throws that night, most of them off of one-and-one attempts. Field-goal-wise we shot well, but the fact that we couldn't make our free throws really put us up against the wall. It also didn't help that they out-rebounded us 37-23."

Pender and Moore once again led the team in scoring with 15 points each while Tegan Atallah followed closely behind with 10 points and four rebounds. Correll contributed with eight points and four steals.

The team's final game of the season rounded out the losses for Mansfield where they suffered a 61-43 defeat against Millersville University at Decker Gymnasium.

The Marauders took the initial lead, but Moore changed things up and gave Mansfield the advantage after a three-pointer seven minutes into the half. The Mountaineers held as much as a seven point lead at the 10:52 mark before the Marauders went on a 10-0 run over the next three minutes.

Mansfield reclaimed the lead with 1:48 remaining after a layup from Morgan Hafer, but Ashley Moyer of the Marauders retaliated with a three-pointer in the final 18 seconds to give Millersville the 27-25 advantage at halftime.

The second half started the same way the first half did, with the Marauders going on a 12-3 run over the first four minutes to take an early lead, but this time they maintained the scoring buffer. Millersville went on to lead by as many as 24 points after a layup from Sophia Waters with 6:14 remaining and the Mountaineers dropped their final game this season 61-43.

"Despite the loss, we competed extremely well against Millersville," Hermansen said. "Millersville is a nationally ranked team that won 10 of their last 11 games – the only loss being to West Chester in double overtime – and we caused one of the best teams in the conference to turn the ball over 26 times. As I've said before, our full court press can be very disruptive. Additionally, the first time we played them, we only scored 26 points the entire game. This time around, we scored 25 points in the first half, emphasizing the amount of progression and improvement that this team has gone through



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Clarissa Correll ends her collegiate career with 76 assists this season ranking her 371 in the National standings.

over the course of the season."

Moore led the team in points and rebounds, scoring 19 and bringing down five. The team's five seniors contributed as well with Emily Akins earning six points and four rebounds, Katie Akins earning two points and two rebounds, Brooks earning five points and four assists, Correll earning four points and four steals and Espigh earning two points, two steals and one assist.

Coach Hermansen commented on the efforts of her seniors this season. "Clarissa worked hard every second of every minute she was here," Hermansen said. "That is such a rare thing. She never took a play off and earned everything that she accomplished. She's a player who led by example and she's a terrific student. Courtney ranked 25 in the country in steals per game and she was a balanced presence for the team at both ends of the floor. Alicia's a great student and a great shooter and we're going to miss Emily and Katie's post defense when their gone."

In addition to the senior's efforts and the team's efforts against Millersville, the team's improvement can be seen through their nationally ranked players. At the beginning of the year, Brooks was the only nationally ranked player for the women's basketball team. However, as of March 8, five Mountaineers from the women's team were nationally ranked in addition to the team being ranked 30 in the country for steals per game. (For a complete list of their National rankings see chart on page 19)

"There's been great individual and team improvement this season," Hermansen said. "We definitely improved from last year in overall wins and PSAC wins and we also improved in our overall level of competitiveness. While we didn't always win the games, we always played down to the wire. It was an exciting season. And while we're losing a lot of players to graduation, we also have a good number of returning players who will build onto what we've already started. We took our lumps this years, but we'll return next season better than ever."



# Mike Gray wins the shot put at the PSAC Championship

By CARTER TOMSA and NICOLE HAGAN

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Mansfield University's track and field team traveled to Cornell for the DeNeault Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 21 before heading to East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Feb. 28 – March 1 for the PSAC Championship.

During the DeNeault Invitational, freshman Henry Potter broke the Mansfield University school record in the 600 meter run, posting a PSAC Championship qualifying time of 1:24.47.

Potter was joined by Josh Bucior, Ryan Detwiler and Erica Ferguson during the meet – all of whom joined him in qualifying for PSACs on Saturday. Bucior ran the 200 meter dash in 23.31, earning himself the second fastest time in Mansfield University history, Detwiler high jumped his way to 6-04.25 (1.95 meters) and Ferguson ran the women's 200 meter dash timing in at 26.98.

Nathan McNabb, having already qualified for PSACs earlier in the season, helped his team by placing second overall in the 1000 meters with a time of 2:32.12.

"I was glad to see Potter, Bucior, Detwiler, and Ferguson qualify. They have been so close all season and to finally see them qualify the last meet before PSACs really shows their determination. I feel that part of the team performed their best, especially those who qualified, while others weren't themselves. The PSACs should be a good meet next weekend," sophomore Andrew Licwinko said.

Although some of Mansfield's regular performers did not place high, sophomore high jumper Bryan Rager felt that the team still did well as a whole.

"It was an intense meet. There were a lot of people there. I felt that, overall, team performance was good. In the end, even when some individuals aren't performing their best, we always seem to pull together as a team," Rager said.

Being the last meet of the indoor season before the PSAC Championship, those who qualified did so just in time.

However, despite the inconsistency at Cornell, Mansfield's men's and women's track and field teams pulled out ninth and eleventh place finishes respectively at the PSAC Championships the following weekend.

Mike Gray was the big contributor on the men's side, winning the shot put with a throw of 52-07.25 (16.03m) on Sunday and finishing third in the weight throw on Saturday with a toss of 55-03.75 (16.86m). Gray earned All-PSAC honors in both events, was the only member of the men's team to score any points and his weight throw broke his previous

school record from last year. Furthermore, Gray's provisional throw in the shot put placed him 14 in the national rankings, but it was not enough to earn him a place at Nationals this season. This season, only the top 12 athletes qualified for Nationals in the shot put.

Gray explained that, while he placed first in the shot put at PSACs, it wasn't his best showing.

"I had some jitters and didn't throw well in the prelims," Gray said. "In practice two days before, I was having trouble staying in the circle and I was worried that those same problems would carry over into my performance at the PSACs. I reviewed a film on my performance the week before and tried to change a few things in my form. When I'd come through on a spin, I'd go toward the left front corner of the circle rather than the center. Additionally, I was having trouble shifting to the right, so I had to change my position in the circle. All of these things just had me a little nervous, so I was probably a little too focused on my technique. I'm really happy with the way I performed this season though. The shot put was never my primary event and I definitely never expected to throw 16.86 in the weight throw at PSACs this year. Hopefully, I'll have just as much success in the upcoming outdoor track and field season. Ideally, I'd like to re-qualify for Nationals in the discus, qualify for Nationals in the shot put and possibly score at PSACs in the hammer throw."

Bucior, Detwiler, McNabb, Potter, Sean Vollenweider and Justen Johnson also competed alongside Gray for the men's team in the two-day PSAC Championship event. Bucior came in 23 during the prelims of the men's 55 meter dash (6:80) and came in 24 during the prelims of the men's 200 meter dash, Detwiler placed seventh in the men's high jump with a leap of 6-02.00 (1.88m), McNabb earned an eighth place spot during the mile run with a time of 4:24.09 – three spots above Vollenweider who placed 11 in the event with a time of 4:34.97 – and Johnson earned 12 in the men's long jump and 15 in the men's triple jump with distances of 20-10.50 (6.36m) and 42-00.00 (12.80m) respectively.

The men's 4x400 meter relay team of Bryan Falcone, Solomon Isom, Potter and Johnson rounded out the finishes for the men with an 11 place win that clocked in at 3:32.65.

Unlike their male counterparts, the women's 4x400 meter relay team earned the Mansfield's women's track team points. Abbie Waltz, Carly Klinger, Erica Ferguson and Brooke McDaniel earned a seventh place finish in the event with a time of 4:06.14, earning the women's team two points.

Ferguson, Klinger and McDaniel were also joined by



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Freshman Justen Johnson earned a 12 place finish in the men's long jump at PSACs with a distance of 20-10.50 in addition to a 15 place finish in the men's triple jump where he went a distance of 42-00.00.

teammates Jenelle Toter and Brenae Edwards in the individual races during the meet. Ferguson placed 14 in the prelims of the women's 55 meter dash (7:56), 14 in the prelims of the women's 200 meter dash (26.76) and 12 in the women's long jump with a distance of 16-03.25, Klinger placed 20 in the prelims of the 200 meter dash (27.36), and McDaniel placed 18 in the 200 meter dash (26.88) and ninth in the prelims of women's 400 meter dash – just missing out on the finals by one spot.

"Despite only being freshmen, Justen Johnson, Brooke McDaniel and Josh Bucior did well," Gray said. "It's good for them to make PSACs and get that kind of competitive experience under their belt."

Toter and Edwards rounded out the events for the women's team with Toter placing 22 in the 55 meter dash with a time 7:70 and Edwards placing 18 in the women's 3000 meter run with a time of 10:48.14.

> While the track and field team ended their season at ESU, Gray finished out his indoor track and field season with a trip to the Intercollegiate Association Amateur Athletes of America (IC4A) Championship in Boston, MA on Sunday, March 8.

Despite being up against 27 other Division I athletes, Gray placed eighth in the shot put with a throw of 54-09.25 (16.39m). His throw was .01 meters off from tying his own school record.

"The difference between those who performed well and those who didn't at the IC4A meet were the ones who could adjust to the concrete circle," Gray said. "Some circles are what we call 'slow circles,' while others are 'fast,' and many of the athletes had trouble adjusting to this kind of slow circle."

The outdoor track and field team's season starts up in three weeks when the team will travel to North Carolina to compete in the Wake Forest Invite March 22-28.

## Mountaineer Women's Basketball National Rankings

\*Only the top 500 athletes in each category rank

| Person           | Rank | Category                         |
|------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| Mallory Moore    | 484  | points per game                  |
|                  | 235  | steals per game                  |
| Courtney Brooks  | 241  | assists per game                 |
|                  | 25   | steals per game                  |
|                  | 448  | three-point field goals per game |
| Clarissa Correll | 371  | assists per game                 |
|                  | 363  | steals per game                  |
| Mallory Hafer    | 500  | three-point field goals per game |
| Nicole Pender    | 271  | steals per game                  |



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## Jarrell Hill and Solomon Isom pick up wins at Mansfield's Boxing Invitational

By DANELLE MILLER

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The Mansfield boxing club hosted a Boxing Invitational at Decker Gymnasium on Saturday, Feb. 21.

There were two sections of matches held, a 3 p.m. section and a 7 p.m. section. Participating schools included Georgetown University, Gettysburg College, Mansfield University, Ithaca College, Coast Guard Academy, University of Maryland, Army, Lock Haven University, the Lancaster Boxing Club and the Elmira Boxing Club.

Mansfield's Kenny Burt was the first up for Mansfield and faced Georgetown's Paul Notice in the 195 (pound) weight class. In round one, Burt came out strong, throwing jabs and forcing an eight count on Notice. In round two, Burt began to tire. He threw wide punches, which were ineffective, and was thrown down by Notice. Round three marked the end for Burt. He showed signs of fatigue as Notice forced two eight counts on Burt during the course of the round. The referee called the match on the second eight count, giving the first match of Burt's collegiate career to his opponent.

The fifth match of the invitational was Mansfield's Aaron Reardon versus Panhove of Army at the 156 weight class. This was the first fight for both boxers. During round two, Reardon's teammates yelled advice to him, telling him to work Panhove's body and throw combos, but he did not take advantage of the advice and allowed Panhove to get some easy shots. In round three, both fighters showed signs of fatigue, but Reardon was unable to capitalize on Panhove's lack of defense and Panhove defeated Reardon by a judge's decision.

Joe Kosalko of Mansfield fought John

Yoo of Maryland at the 139 weight class in the eighth bout of the day. The fight only lasted through round one though as Yoo forced two eight counts against Kosalko by attacking hard and catching Kosalko off guard. The referee called the match in favor of Yoo.

At 7 p.m., attendants returned to watch the evening matches. The first match of the evening was Mansfield's Zach Perchinski versus Lancaster's Chase Nye in the 185 weight class. Nye forced an eight count against Perchinski in round one, but Perchinski did not back down. Perchinski followed Nye around the ring, cornering him, but neglecting to use his jab. In round three, Nye was able to avoid Perchinski's blows and send punches at Perchinski. Nye won by decision.

The third match of the evening was Mansfield's Dan Wentsler against Maryland's Jose Herrarra in the heavyweight bout. In round one, Wentsler tried to use his arm length to keep the shorter Herrarra from working the inside, but was unsuccessful in doing so. Herrarra was able to connect on several body and head shots and in round two, Herrarra knocked down Wentsler, forcing an eight count. Herrarra did not let up and he delivered combos and knocked Wentsler down for a second time. The referee called the bout, giving Herrarra the win.

"I wish my fight could've gone better," Wentsler said. "It showed me what I need to work on, like conditioning and sparring more in practice."

At the 147 weight class, Mansfield's Nathan Eilenfeldt faced Shippensburg's Sherman Harris in the fourth match. In round one, the fighters felt each other out and traded shots, but Harris connected on more of his punches than Eilenfeldt. In round three, Eilenfeldt was able to corner Harris, working himself inside and delivering multiple shots,

but Harris won by a judge's decision.

"I think the match went well," Wentsler said. "We had a lot of novice fighters who fought for the first time. It was great for them to get experience."

In the fifth match Mansfield's Solomon Isom fought Coast Guard's Derek Puzzoli in the 175 weight class. The match lasted only one round as Isom delivered a quick hit to Puzzoli and defeated him by knockout. This was Isom's second knockout of his career in round one. Isom had a knockout last year at the Mansfield Invitational.

Mansfield's Michael Cobaugh fought Lock Haven's Michael Pastore at the 185 weight class in the sixth match of the evening. In round one, Cobaugh came out strong, cornering Pastore. In round two, the boxers traded punches, both getting in shots and controlling the momentum of the fight. In round three, Cobaugh neglected to keep his hands up, allowing Pastore to deliver a series of head shots - giving Pastore the fight.

The final fight of the night was Mansfield's Jarrell Hill versus Army's Johnny Garcia at the 139 weight class. Army requested that Hill and Garcia face each other. Hill's record is 4-0 on the season with a 15-9 career record. Garcia's record is 2-0 with a 6-3 career record. Both boxers have earned bronze medals at Nationals.

While the first round seemed to go to Garcia, Hill was able to end the second round with a nice counter-punch after being backed into the corner. Round three was close, with Hill delivering hard hits to Garcia, and ultimately giving him the win by a judge's decision.

"I was a little disappointed," head coach Richard Gillespie said. "Two won and did quite well. Some in the middle I expected to do better. I felt they over-tried, over-fought and got sloppy. We are going to correct them before heading to regionals."

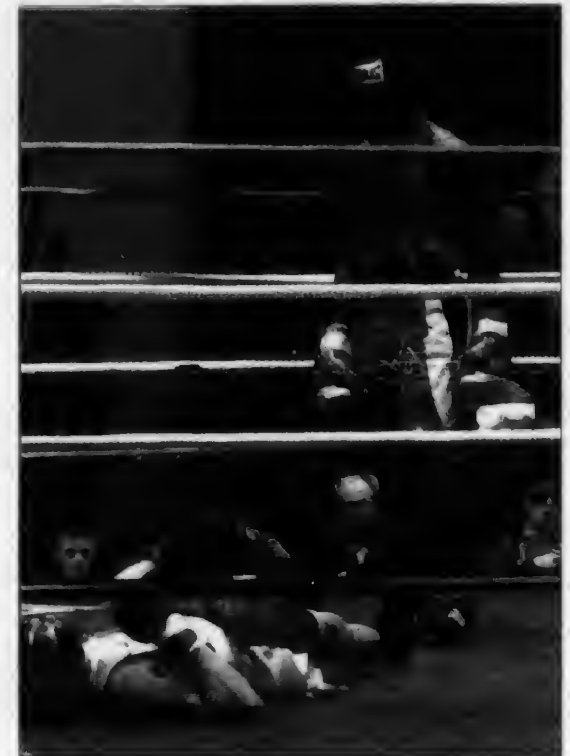


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Solomon Isom knocked out Coast Guard's Derek Puzzoli in the first round of his match, marking the second time in his career that he has knocked out an opponent in the first round.

There are six boxers heading to the regional competition at Fort Washington, MD: Hill, Isom, Perchinski, Cobaugh, Reardon and Roi Ligon. Ligon has been working, taking online courses and working out at a gym in Philadelphia.

"We are working with them to have a controlled fight," Gillespie said. "We need to get rid of the wildness. They have to win the preliminaries on Thursday. If they win they'll advance on to the bronze fight on Friday. If they win Friday, they'll move on to the silver or gold fight on Saturday."

### Coming up in Mountie Sports

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| 19       | 20<br>- Baseball vs. Kutztown University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ WVWC Tournament | 21<br>- Baseball @ Kutztown University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ WVWC Tournament | 22<br>- Track & Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC       | 23<br>- Baseball @ IUP, 1 p.m.<br>- Track @ Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC | 24<br>- Softball vs. Lock Haven University, 2:30 p.m.<br>- Track @ Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC | 25<br>- Track @ Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC     |



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## Psychology Club and WNTTE hosts battle of bands to raise money for Relay for Life

By BRANDON HABERKOST  
Flashlight News Writer

The Battle of the Bands competition showed Mansfield students how to rock on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the Hut in order to help raise money for Relay for Life.

Beginning at 9 p.m., the event had gathered enough of a crowd to fill the Hut. Spider webs, plastic insects, bloody sheets, and caution tape decorated the venue to celebrate the Friday the 13 occasion. WNTTE members who worked the event also dressed themselves to match the décor. The competition was originally posted to run until midnight, however it lasted until 2 a.m.

Guests were asked to take a ballot upon entry, which had a checklist of the bands as well as directions stating to place a check mark beside the best band as well as an 'X' next to the band dressed best to the theme. One dollar donations, although not required for entry, were also accepted at the door.

The prize for first place was 75 percent of the money that the bands brought in, as well as a track of the band's choice to be a part of the WNTTE playlist. The prize for best dressed was the appearance of a track of the band's choosing on the radio station. Each of the bands paid ten dollars in order to compete, and the remaining percentage of the pooled cash that didn't go to the band that won was to be donated to Relay for Life.

The band *A Dawn Becoming* took first place, and *Audiobox* took best dressed.

Gen Taylor, the P.R. representative for WNTTE began the competition by announcing the procedure for voting and mentioning the bake sale on the top floor of the Hut.

The first band to play was *Les Franchophones Fachees*, who sang songs with lyrics in the French language. The band was made up of only two members; a bassist and a djembe player. Both members sang.

The second band that played was *Beneath the Shadows*, a quintet that opened with a shortened cover of *Survivor's* "Eye of the Tiger," which gave way to one of the band's hardcore punk originals. The band was characterized by its drummer, who played shirtless while wearing a pair of blue water wings.

The third band in the lineup, *H.I.V. Positive* was made of three members who played their original pop punk/alternative style songs. The band's music resembled a combination of *Blink 182*, *Weezer*, *The Bloodhound Gang*, and *Green Day*.

The fourth band to compete was *Audiobox*, a five piece alternative rock/pop punk band that featured a keyboard player. The artists played original music that had the flavors of bands like *Fu Manchu*, *Modest Mouse* and *The Cars*.

The fifth band of the evening was *Alt-Era*, a trio from Milton who played 80s metal style music. Their original songs sounded like those of *Metallica*, *Megadeth*, *Judas Priest* and *Iron Maiden*.

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## Vagina Monologues is held at Mansfield University to gain awareness

By JODI WRUBEL  
Flashlight News Writer

The Mansfield University Women's Center sponsored "The Vagina Monologues" for V-Day on March 11, 12 and 13.

V-Day is a non-profit corporation that is known globally for its contributions to organizations that are working towards the end of violence against women and girls of all ages.

Two of the contributions that V-Day has made have taken place in Egypt and Iraq, where their assistance has enabled the first women's shelters to be opened.

There are many different forms of violence and V-Day makes the public more aware of that through the play "The Vagina Monologues." Two types of violence that are addressed include rape and battery. "The Vagina Monologues" is made up of facts about women and real life stories told by women that were interviewed about their experiences with sexual violence, insecurities about their bodies and more. Women of all ages and ethnicities were interviewed for this play. These ranges gave the play varying perspectives towards being a woman, and it also put out more opinions and attitudes pertaining to the topics discussed.

One of the monologues that showed this variety was entitled "The 'Wear and Say' Lists." This was a part where many women were asked "If your vagina could wear anything what would it be?" The results had a wide range from diamonds and silk to a leather jacket.

Another monologue performed entitled "Say It" was one that displayed some brutal experiences. This section was made up of the stories and comments made by the sex slaves known as "comfort women," during World War II. It was the anger of these women towards the Japanese government



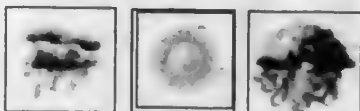
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V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls. V-Day promotes creative events to increase awareness and raise money.

and how they were not willing to give those women an apology for the things they did to them.

The people who went to see "The Vagina Monologues" were able to hear about the harsh realities that people forget about, but also provided some women's experiences that left them in laughter. "Not only is this play entertaining and funny, but it delivers a vital message that is overlooked all too often," attendee Amanda Hobler said.

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## FRIDAY



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Cloudy

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## TUESDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 48 Low: 31

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-Friday, March 20 – Mansfield University Feel the Bite Jackals Night. Thunderstick Night - Elmira Jackals vs. Johnstown. Bus departs Laurel at 6 p.m., \$10 for Mansfield University students, \$15 for Mansfield University student guests (limit 2). Fee includes admission and transportation. Sign up in Room 323 Alumni Hall. Bus trips are sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and funded with Student Activity Fees.

-The last day to withdraw from a class is Friday, March 20. A withdrawal slip may be obtained from the Enrollment Services Office at 224 South Hall. The form must be signed by your class instructor and if you have earned less than 60 credits your advisor must sign it also.

- 2009 Fall registration begins Monday, March 23. The registration schedule is posted on the Registrar's web page <http://esd.mansfield.edu/registrar/>

-In Alumni Hall Student Center other laptops or computers cannot be attached to the systems because this practice has caused an undue number of problems for IT and AV. From now on, it will be necessary for you or your presenters to bring your programs on a disc or jump drive. We also ask that you be sure to turn off the overhead projector, as well as all of the equipment in the upper and lower portions of the media cart before leaving the room. In the past few months, we have had several instances of equipment being left powered up and overheating in the confines of the cabinets. Unfortunately, there are no funds available to replace this equipment, so people must do all that is possible to keep it functional.

-The University Lecture Series is pleased to have Shaun T. Griffin for two evening events. Shaun is the co-founder and director of Community Chest, a non-profit organization serving children and families in northwestern Nevada. He is the author of four books of poetry (most recently, Woodsmoke, Wind, and the Peregrine, Black Rock Press, 2008), a book of translations (poetry), and the editor of three volumes of Nevada poetry and prose. He received the Governor's Arts Award in 1996, and the Rosemary McMillan Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts from Sierra Arts Foundation in 2006. For two decades he has led a poetry workshop at Northern Nevada Correctional Center. He is currently editing a volume of articles on the late poet and critic, Hayden Carruth. Shaun's first talk, Behind the Fence: Writing Poetry in Prison, will be given on Thursday March 19 from 4 - 6 in Alumni 317. On Friday, March 20 from 7 - 9 he will hold a poetry reading at Night and Day Coffee Cafe entitled: The Fallen Naturalist: A Reading by Shaun T. Griffin from Woodsmoke, Wind, and the Peregrine. Copies of this book will be available for sale during the reading.

## 'V-DAY'

Between the messages and laughter, "The Vagina Monologues" left the audience shocked, amazed and entertained. "The Vagina Monologues was a very powerful play. Anyone who gets the opportunity to go see it should go for the entertainment and message it brings," Hobler said. "I am glad I was able to go see 'The Vagina Monologues.'" It's shocking to hear the stories that some of those women had to go through," attendee Melissa Brenzo said.

## Entertainment Corner

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## Eurochart Hot 100 Singles:

- 1.) Lady Gaga - Poker Face
- 2.) Kelly Clarkson- My Life Would Suck Without You
- 3.) James Morrison feat. Nelly Furtado - Broken String
- 4.) Flo Rida feat. Keshia - Right Round
- 5.) Peps - Liberta



Courtesy of imdb.com



## Hot Movies:

- 1.) Race to Witch Mountain - PG, Dwayne Johnson
- 2.) Watchmen - R, Malin Akerman
- 3.) The Last House on the Left - R, Garret Dillahunt
- 4.) Taken - PG-13, Liam Neeson
- 5.) Madea Goes to Jail - PG-13, Tyler Perry



Despite the stereotypes of a stranger in a trench coat hanging around the playground, sexual predators that abuse children are most likely someone the child knows and trusts. Statistics prove that 90 percent of the time, the child knows their abuser. Silence enables child sexual abuse to continue. Silence protects sex offenders and endangers the children who are being abused. If you know, or suspect, that your child has been sexually abused, you can call 24 hours 1-800-550-0447 and speak with a trained advocate. All services are free and confidential.



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## New master's leadership program in Mansfield

By RYAN BERNAICHE  
*Special to the Flashlight*

Mansfield University students from all over will be able to take an online masters course beginning in the fall of 2009.

The degree will consist of 33 credit hours, which include courses like organizational leadership, theory and practice, and organizational planning and administration. A three credit internship is also required.

The new program offers the unique opportunity for students across the world to learn the physiological, legal and self awareness leadership skills that can better them in these changing times. It also outlines the social, ethical, cultural and political influences that impact leadership throughout the world.

In these tough economic times, the finger has been repeatedly pointed at business and political leaders with questionable interests. As people begin to search for change they will be looking for ethical and open-minded leaders, whom the people can trust. This masters program is for the student who wants to better themselves in their field and personally.

Dr. Chiamonte arrived at Mansfield this semester, as the founding director of the leadership program here at Mansfield University. He graduated from the University of Toronto, obtained his Masters and PhD from University of California. Chiamonte has also recently taught at Georgian American University in Europe. He is the author of two books on leadership and organizational behavior.

"Leadership is not a position, but a process. Followers do not do followership. They are in fact a parcel of the leadership process," Chiamonte said.

This new course allows students to contribute to the changing ideas, and written history of good leadership; not just take in the meanings of being a good leader.

The course will promote "practices aimed at meeting the need for forward thinking leadership throughout every realm of our personal and professional lives" Chiamonte said.

For Pennsylvania residents it will cost about 4,700 dollars for 9-15 credit hours for the online course. Students may complete an application on Mansfield's home page by clicking on "what can I study?" General information can be accessed from the university's home page through the Leadership at Mansfield link.



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Mansfield University is offering the chance for students to get an online masters degree in leadership.

## 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS'

"We played better than we expected to, considering we had a missing band member," the singer of *Alt Era* said, confirming that his band is normally a group of four members.

*A Dawn Becoming*, a quintet, was the sixth band to play. Their set featured covers of songs like *Jimmy Eat World's* "The Middle," and *Rage Against the Machine's* "Killing in the Name Of," as well as original hard rock songs that resembled the works of *Avenged Sevenfold* and *Killswitch Engage*. The band had the misfortune of technical difficulties brought on by blown circuits, which effectively silenced the guitars and vocals periodically.

"We blew three power circuits. That's how metal we are," said Eric Parks, lead guitarist of *A Dawn Becoming*.

The seventh band in the lineup was *Lights, Camera, Distraction*, a five piece pop punk/classic rock/indie band that played original music that sounded similar to the earlier works of *The Jim Blossoms*.

Eighth to play was *Four Way Tragedy*, a jam/punk/80's metal quintet that played original music similar to songs by *The Dead Kennedy's* and the *Misfits*.

The ninth band printed on the lineup, *Balls Deep In Me* had withdrawn from the event twenty minutes prior to the beginning of the event.

Between band performances, band equipment was taken off stage and replaced with the equipment of the next band to play. This process involved moving drum sets, amplifiers, cables and microphones, an operation that took about fifteen minutes each time it was performed. During these times, Taylor would remind the audience of the voting procedures and the bake sale, as well as introduce the next band to play.

The bake sale featured chocolate dipped Pringles, chocolate covered pretzels, various cookies, rice crispy treats, brownies, vegetarian chili, and drinks. Items were priced at 50 cents. Proceeds from the bake sale were donated to Relay for Life.

The competition ended up raising \$63 to benefit Relay for Life.

"I'd love to do this event [again] in the future," Taylor said. No plans for another battle of the bands have yet been made.



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All donations that were collected from the battle of the bands was donated to Relay for Life.

## Mansfield PR Assistant Elected President of Communications Association

Terry Day, assistant director of Public Relations at Mansfield University, has been elected president of CUPRAP: The Association of Communicators in Education.

CUPRAP is a voluntary organization of communications professionals from colleges, universities and independent schools dedicated to advancing the understanding of higher education and enhancing the professional development of its members.

CUPRAP members work in public relations, media relations, marketing, publications, sports information, web and graphic design. Members come from private and public colleges and universities, junior colleges, community colleges, independent schools, as well as other organizations involved in higher education.

Founded in Pennsylvania in 1980 as one of the nation's few such organizations, CUPRAP members now come from many states. CUPRAP's nearly 400 members come from more than 150 institutions.

The election of officers took place during the annual CUPRAP spring conference, held in Hershey, PA, March 11-13. Day will serve a two-year term. He has been a CUPRAP member since 1999, the year he came to Mansfield, has served as treasurer before being elected president, and is in his fourth year on the CUPRAP Board of Governors.

Day is the first representative of any of the 14 member universities of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) to be elected CUPRAP president in the organization's 28 year history.

For more information on CUPRAP, check online at [cuprap.org](http://cuprap.org)



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Day is the first representative from the PASSHE school system to be elected president of CUPRAP.

## Manser Dining Hall going green through the month of March

Mansfield Dining Services started a "Weigh Away Your Waste" campaign on Wednesday, Feb. 4 and is beginning a "Try It Without a Tray" promotion Monday, March 9.

In efforts to reduce the amount of food waste, Upper Manser is calculating the amount of trash that is thrown away each Wednesday at dinner time. The trash is calculated by how many 25 lb. trash bags will be disposed.

The display of the "Weigh Away Your Waste" campaign and calculations will be located next to the dish room for students, faculty, staff, and guests to view. Every Thursday morning the display will be updated.

The objective behind the "Weigh Away Your Waste" campaign is to increase awareness of the amount of food that is wasted each day. During the month of February, Upper Manser calculated that about 8,400 lbs of pure food was wasted during dinner hours alone.

Mansfield Dining Services will start to challenge diners to "Try it Without a Tray," beginning Monday, March 9. Students, faculty, staff and guests will be asked to not use food and beverage trays while eating in Upper Manser.

Universities that have already experimented with dining without trays have shown success in many ways. According to [dineoncampus.com](http://dineoncampus.com), schools that go trayless one day per week reduce waste on an average of 1/3 on those days, with some reporting as much as a 50 percent reduction. Going trayless also saves labor and energy costs by decreasing the amount of time, labor, water, and energy devoted to washing trays. Doing away with trays is also considered a way to encourage students to incorporate social responsibility in their lives and keep health and wellness in mind.

Waste calculations from "Weigh Away Your Waste" campaign will be compared to waste results during the "Try it Without a Tray" promotion and displayed near the dish room. Mansfield Dining Services encourage diners to view the charts and make note of the waste that they are contributing.

The goal is to have less waste during the "Try it Without a Tray" campaign in order to help Mansfield become more environmental friendly by eventually going completely trayless.

# CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

| Thursday                                                                                                                                                                             | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                 | Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                                 | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                                                                                   |
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| 19<br>~4 p.m. -6:30 p.m. Behind the Fence: Writing Poetry in Prison Location: Alumni Hall 317<br>~8 p.m. American Idol-David Cook in Concert at Straughn Hall - Doors open at 7 p.m. | 20<br>7 p.m. -9 p.m. The Fallen Naturalist: a Reading from Woodsmoke, Wind, and the Peregrine by author, Shaun Griffin. Location: Night and Day Cafe', downtown Mansfield<br>~Last Day to Withdraw from a course | 21<br>~3 p.m. Sara Scott, Senior voice Recital<br>~8 p.m. Mansfieldians Concert, St. James Episcopal Church                                                              | 22<br>2 p.m. Tami Heyler and Derek Keifer, Senior Violin/Voice Recital<br>~6 p.m. Kelly Weaver, Graduate French Horn Recital                                                                       | 23<br>~8 p.m. Peter Orth, Guest Piano Artist<br>~Registration for Fall Semester Begins | 24      | 25<br>~11 a.m. Council of Trustees Meeting<br>6th Floor North Hall Community Room                                                           |
| 26<br>~7 p.m. Alash Ensemble, Guest Group                                                                                                                                            | 27<br>~8:30 a.m. -3 p.m. VISITATION DAY<br>Steadman Theatre                                                                                                                                                      | 28<br>~1 p.m. Kristi Kaster and Ian Miller, Sr/Jr Oboe/clarinet Recital<br>~4 p.m. Megan McFadden and Meghan Zwart, Voice Sr/Jr Recital<br>~8 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert | 29<br>~12 p.m. Ashley Davis, Senior Saxophone Recital<br>~3 p.m. Anthony Bortone and Keri Maldonado, Junior Tuba/French Horn Recital<br>~7:30 p.m. Dr. Andrew Walters, Faculty Composition Recital | 30<br>~8 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Concert                                              | 31      | April 1<br>~4 p.m. -6 p.m. Beyond Honor Codes, Policies and Procedures: Why Cultures are Essential to our Future. Location: Alumni Hall 317 |



# News in a Flash



## Shooting in Alabama leaves 11 people dead

By ANINE STANLEY

*Flashlight Writer*

An Alabama man shot and killed ten people before turning the gun on himself in Kinston, and Samson, Alabama on Wednesday March 11, 2009.

The man identified as Michael McLendon, burned down his mother's house with her in it, killed his grandparents, aunt and uncle, then he killed five other incident bystanders before killing himself. The shooting took place through Kinston, Samson, and Geneva and along the highway that connects them, and it ended at the metal plant where the suspect worked before he went inside and killed himself. With no motive for why the shooting took place, many towns' people feared for their lives until they were told that the suspect was dead.

The small town of Kinston and Samson were shaken up by this event that took the lives of ten people, because this was the most tragic event that had ever happened in their town. Two of the victims were the Sheriff's wife and their 18-month old child. "He was just driving down the street shooting at people sitting on their porches," Senator Harri Anne Smith said.

There were two survivors, but they were the lucky ones. After McLendon fired 30 rounds at them, Geneva police Chief Frankie Lindsey survived because of his bulletproof vest and a state trooper was only wounded by the flying glass when his car was hit by the rapid gunfire.

## Ten New Jersey colleagues win \$216 million jackpot

By REBECCA HAZEN

*Flashlight News Editor*

Robert Space and nine of his colleagues in New Jersey won \$216 million in the Mega Millions jackpot.

Space arrived at work last week and realized that the lottery ticket he had purchased matched the winning numbers. Space instantly sent an e-mail to his co-workers that had chipped in for the tickets. No one believed him at first, until they looked at their own tickets.

"I feel incredibly blessed. I can't even absorb it," Space said.

Space, with \$5 from each colleague, bought 50 quick-pick tickets Monday afternoon at the Singin Oil gas station in the town of Toms River.

Once Space had time to review the numbers, he couldn't believe his eyes as he saw all six numbers matching up. He called his wife to make sure he wasn't hallucinating, and then sent out the e-mail.

Lottery officials say no one has officially come forward to claim the prize yet. The 10 have not discussed when they will claim the prize but have a year to do so. They have decided that Taner Cetintas, the owner of Singin Oil, will get \$10,000 for selling the ticket. Cetintas, a Turkish immigrant who had just bought Singin Oil in January, said he was happy for his customer, and his own bonus would help pay bills.

The six men and four women who won said they've worked in Chubb's IT division from seven to 30 years and had been buying tickets together for years.

The colleague that usually buys the tickets, Alan Mooney, always stops by everyone's desks to collect ticket money, asking "Are ya in?" Mooney, who was among the winners, was in Florida on business. Space said Mooney was hurrying back to New Jersey, "upgrading

## Researchers discover smallest meat eating dinosaur in Canada

By REBECCA HAZEN

*Flashlight News Editor*

Imagine a ferocious meat eating dinosaur, except that its height wouldn't even come up to your knee.

Canadian researchers say they have found the smallest meat-eating dinosaur to be discovered in North America.

The dinosaur found is a cousin of the velociraptor, weighing only four-to-five pounds, "probably hunted and ate whatever it could for its size — insects, mammals, amphibians and maybe even baby dinosaurs," according to Nicholas Longrich of the University of Calgary. Previously the smallest carnivorous dinosaurs found in North America have been about the size of a wolf.

The smallest dinosaur is presumed to have lived 75 million years ago in the swamps and forests of southern Alberta, Longrich and colleague Philip J. Currie reported in Tuesday's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

In the past there was evidence for larger sized dinosaurs, but not any small ones.

The bones were discovered among fossils that had been collected a quarter-century ago and remained in a museum drawer, Longrich explained.

Similar small dinosaurs have been uncovered in China in the last few years, and studying those helped the researchers identify this North American version.

"It was hard to tell because it was still encased in rock," Longrich said. "It is only because I had been studying the Chinese dinosaurs I could tell what it was."

"Once we got it out of the rock it was a pretty nice specimen," he added.

Like the velociraptor, the tiny species had claws. "At first the small claws were thought to come from juveniles," Longrich said. "But when we studied the pelvis, we found the hip bones were fused, which would only have happened once the animal was fully grown."

The creature has been named *Hesperonychus elizabethae*, after the late Canadian paleontologist Elizabeth Nicholls, who recovered the specimen. *Hesperonychus* means "western claw," a reference to the claws that were discovered on it.

The find "emphasizes how little we actually know, and it raises the possibility that there are even smaller ones out there waiting to be found," said Longrich.

Matthew Carrano is a paleontologist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History "I think there's increasing awareness among vertebrate paleontologists that we have overlooked a lot of small species of dinosaurs. They are harder to find, but also the early history of our science had a lot to do with finding the big and impressive specimens," said Carrano, who was not part of Longrich's team.

"I would predict that the diversity of small dinosaurs will continue to go up in the coming years, all over the world," Carrano said.



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A drawing of what the *Hesperonychus elizabethae* is percieved to look like.



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The *Hesperonychus elizabethae* has claws comparable to the size of a quarter (pictures above). It gets part of its name from the fact that it has claws.

Have a question for Mansfield University's President Loeschke or Student Government Association's President Shantee Proctor?

E-mail your questions for the presidents at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu) to be featured in the section "Prez Says."



# horoscopes

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**ARIES****March 21-April 19**

It's tricky to balance your public life with your private life and today you almost certainly have to ditch the latter in favor of the former. Don't sweat it -- you can rebalance soon enough.

**CANCER****June 22-July 22**

You're feeling the urge to hide out today -- but you almost certainly need to project a more social image, at least for the time being. It might be hard, but it's definitely worth it to you.

**LIBRA****September 23-October 22**

You're still dealing with an issue that you thought you had left behind ages ago, but now you've got more tools to deal with it. You may be able to shake it at last and learn something valuable.

**CAPRICORN****December 22-January 19**

You can't help but smile when others heap praise upon you today -- even though you usually aren't all that impressed by good feedback. You can tell that they mean it and should be able to improve even further!

**TAURUS****April 20-May 20**

Your big ideas are all coming together quite well today and you should certainly be able to get things moving quickly if need be. Your good energy makes you feel more connected to the world.

**LEO****July 23-August 22**

Feel free to say no as much as you want today -- your sense of what you want and what you're willing to subject yourself to is unparalleled. It's one of those days that makes you glad to be you.

**SCORPIO****October 23 - November 21**

You need self-discipline today -- and you've got plenty! You may just need to keep your big mouth shut as the folks around you make fools of themselves or you may need to avoid a mighty temptation.

**AQUARIUS****January 20-February 18**

You aren't fully engaged with your friends and coworkers today, thanks to some strange subliminal signals that seem to be coming from all angles. It's a good day to just absorb info and deal with it later.

**GEMINI****May 21-June 21**

A friend or family member isn't being straight with you -- but it's not deliberate! They may not even realize what's really going on and should be left alone for a few days to figure it out.

**VIRGO****August 23-September 22**

You are in the groove today and can get amazing amounts of work or chores done without breaking a sweat. It all pays off late in the day when an opportunity to have fun presents itself.

**SAGITTARIUS****November 22-December 21**

Financial issues are thwarting you somewhat today, though things are not nearly as bad as they might seem. You still need to focus on finance until you feel right about the situation, though.

**PISCES****February 19-March 20**

Life gets a lot easier for you today -- and you can tell that this new phase is going to last for a while! It's a really good time for you to try something new or to branch out in your work or studies.

## Environmental Facts of the Week

1. The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.

2. Each ton (2000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution!

3. More than 20,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of tinfoil. All that foil is recyclable, but not many people realize it.

The above facts were taken directly from the Students Environmental Advisory Council of North Dakota State University. Visit their web site at [http://www.seac150m.com/fun\\_facts.html](http://www.seac150m.com/fun_facts.html)

## This day in history: March 19, 2003

On this day in 2003, the United States, along with coalition forces primarily from the United Kingdom, initiated war on Iraq. U.S. President George W. Bush and his advisors built much of their case for war on the idea that Iraq, under dictator Saddam Hussein, possessed or was in the process of building weapons of mass destruction.

Hostilities began about 90 minutes after the U.S.-imposed deadline for Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq or face war passed. The first targets were hit with Tomahawk cruise missiles from U.S. fighter-bombers and warships stationed in the Persian Gulf. In response to the attacks, Republic of Iraq radio in Baghdad announced, "the evil ones, the enemies of God, the homeland and humanity, have committed the stupidity of aggression against our homeland and people."

Though Saddam Hussein had declared in early March 2003 that, "it is without doubt that the faithful will be victorious against aggression," he went into hiding soon after the American invasion. Coalition forces were able to topple his regime and capture Iraq's major cities in three weeks. President Bush declared the end of major combat operations on May 1, 2003. Despite the defeat of conventional military forces in Iraq, an insurgency has continued an intense guerrilla war in the nation in the years since military victory was announced, resulting in thousands of coalition military, insurgent and civilian deaths.

U.S. soldiers found Saddam Hussein hiding in a six-to-eight-foot deep hole, nine miles outside his hometown of Tikrit. He did not resist and was uninjured during the arrest. A soldier at the scene described him as "a man resigned to his fate." Hussein was arrested and began trial for crimes against his people, including mass killings, in October 2005.

On November 6, 2006, Saddam Hussein was found guilty of crimes against humanity and sentenced to death by hanging. After an unsuccessful appeal, he was executed on December 30, 2006.

No weapons of mass destruction were found in Iraq. -- Courtesy of History.com



# Students can seek solace in "Safe Zones"

By JAMIE CURTIS

Flashlight Copy Editor

Mansfield University's Gay-Straight Alliance (GLO) student organization is sponsoring a "Safe Zone" program.

"GLO is an organization that aims to make the campus friendlier and more accepting towards LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) students," GLO Secretary and Treasurer Chelsea Manee said.

According to faculty advisor Dr. Chuck Hoy, the plan to bring this program to campus began with the students in GLO. "The idea behind it is to give LGBT students a safe place to go, someone to talk to that wouldn't judge them, and listen to them, maybe help them... or direct them to someone that could," Hoy said.

According to The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network ([www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)): "68.6% of LGBT students (and 89.5% of transgender students) felt unsafe in their school because of their sexual orientation or gender expression. 30.9% missed at least one entire day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe based on sexual orientation. 39.7% reported that there were no teachers or school personnel who were supportive of LGBT students..."

There are about 20 Mansfield University faculty and staff members participating in the Safe Zone program. Students are also welcome to join. To become involved, a person must go through a short training session which consists of

a one hour power point presentation. Students that need or want someone to talk to should look for faculty members that have rainbow, triangular stickers on their office doors. "The university seems supportive of this, [safe zone] because several university administrators have stickers, [and] even though it's about LGBT students, it improves the campus climate for everyone," Hoy said.

English Professor Dr. Lynn Pifer has been a participant in the program since January 2009. "It's a worthwhile program that benefits people on this campus, and I've wanted to become involved ever since I first heard about it. I had to miss the training due to a scheduling conflict... I made an extra effort to attend the training at the January 2009 University Days workshops," Pifer said. "Interested faculty, staff and students should get involved. It's not difficult and it helps people on our campus."

"I would recommend that students and faculty get involved because that helps to create a culture of respect and openness, which fits our Mansfield creed wonderfully," Elizabeth Shaffer said. Shaffer is the advocacy program coordinator on campus. "Our Mansfield creed includes the idea of respect, and respecting people should be regardless of their sexual orientation which is really nobody's business but their own," Schaffer said. The advocacy center assists GLO with LGBT related issues.

A 2001 National School Climate Survey conducted by the GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and

Straight Education Network) organization stated that: "A majority of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students feel unsafe at school and are likely to skip class or even days of school out of fear for personal safety. The research also indicates that students who can identify a supportive faculty/staff member or student group are more likely to feel a sense of belonging at their schools than those who cannot..."

"I've been in GLO since I came to Mansfield... and I joined because I believe in gay rights and equality. I've also been involved in gay-straight alliances since high school... it's just what I do," freshman Ashton Raudabaugh said. "I decided to participate in Safe Zone because I know how hard it can be to deal with intolerant people. I want LGBT people to know that they can truly be themselves around me and I won't judge them."

Although the group has an important purpose, Raudabaugh feels that there is more to be done. "As much as we try, I don't think that GLO or Safe Zone has had a big impact on campus. We're too small of a group and most people don't want to pay attention to us. However, I can say, quite confidently, that GLO and the Safe Zone program has made some major differences for a number of people," Raudabaugh said.

All students are welcome to participate in GLO and the Safe Zone program. GLO meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in room 314 Alumni Hall.



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Faculty, administration, or student doors that have the sticker pictured above can provide a safe place for someone to discuss his or her feelings or confusion about his or her sexuality.

For more information about the Safe Zone Program, contact Hoy at [choy@mansfield.edu](mailto:choy@mansfield.edu).

# Jon Stewart calls out CNBC's "Mad" man

By NICK ABEL

Flashlight Features Writer



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There was nothing fake about last Thursday night's "Daily Show," when "Mad Money" host Jim Cramer took a verbal lashing from Comedy Central's Jon Stewart.

As the economic and financial walls crumble around the United States, its citizens are looking for answers. Unfortunately, the trusted "professionals" who should have those answers are coming up empty.

Journalists and Wall Street pundits alike are all telling the same story: things are not as bad as they seem.

Yet each week thousands of people continue to lose their homes and jobs to an insatiable recession, one that has shown little sign of slowing down.

How could this have happened? If these highly-paid professionals are so qualified, why didn't they warn us of this impending financial disaster? Why are the taxpayers suffering while the "experts" continue to profit? The people have had enough, and apparently so has Jon Stewart.

The host of Comedy Central's "fake" news show "The Daily Show" recently unleashed his trademark sense of scathing yet justifiable reporting on this situation.

He focused his frustrations on CNBC's anchors and pundits, namely Jim Cramer. The exuberantly over-the-top Cramer is the host of "Mad Money," an unorthodox financial program that offers advice to stock market shareholders and investors.

Stewart accused Cramer of misleading and even lying to his viewers, advising them to invest in companies that were doomed to fail. After a week of attacks and retaliations, Cramer accepted an invitation to appear on Stewart's "Daily Show."

Thursday, March 12 was considered the culmination of "the week-long feud of the century," as Cramer and Stewart sat down face-to-face for the first time.

Though Cramer confessed he was a fan of the show, Stewart had already dropped his gauntlet. He called Cramer to task on his support of Bear Stearns, a company that Cramer told viewers would skyrocket, only to

self-destruct soon thereafter.

Though Cramer attempted to defend his position, Stewart recoiled with a series of clips from previous interviews in which Cramer described how to manipulate stocks and properly read the market.

Stewart exposed all of Cramer's statements and generalizations for what they truly were: hypocrisies and failures.

Stewart also brought attention to CNBC as a flawed network, claiming that they were more concerned with ratings and funding rather than informing and protecting their viewers from the financial crisis.

"Maybe we could remove the 'financial expert' and 'In Cramer We Trust' and start getting back to fundamentals on the reporting," Stewart said.

What many people expected to be a heated rivalry between the two television hosts became a one-sided pummeling. Unfortunately, the interview shed light upon a sad realization: a fake news show took the professionals for every last penny.



# Mansfield's waving Betty now resides in Carleton Senior Care

By ANGELINE LOOMIS

*Special to the Flashlight*

Many college students will remember Betty Updike. She was known as the old lady that waved to everyone who went by 76 South Academy Street. Betty enjoyed getting up everyday to go sit on the porch and wave to passersby. Betty did this until two years ago.

In her last few years in Mansfield, Betty was becoming older and incapable of living in a house by herself. Her daughter Nedra Loomis decided it was time to help her mother by moving her into a home where there would be people to care for her and where she wouldn't be alone. "It was getting too hard on the family to be able to go check on her everyday to make sure she was alright," Loomis said.

Betty currently lives in Carleton Senior Care on 10 West Avenue, Wellsboro, PA. She is always open for visitors. "I enjoy when people come to see me. I wish more people came to visit," Betty said.

Betty has been diagnosed with dementia. "After my mother was diagnosed with dementia, the symptoms that my mother was showing all made sense," Loomis said. Since Betty has dementia, she has a hard time remembering names and also remembering what she does throughout the day, but Betty still receives joy by having people around and loves visiting with people.

Betty will be celebrating her 92 birthday on March 28.

This will be the second birthday she will celebrate in the Carleton. "We are going to enjoy the time we have left with her," Loomis said.

Loomis has a hard time understanding her mother's disease. "I go visit my mother and part of me thinks that there is nothing wrong with her," Loomis said. On days when Betty is not having a good day, Loomis is reminded of why she placed her mother in the Carleton.

Betty's disease has made her family understand why she talks to her stuffed animals on her bed and says they are her kids. "We all thought she was just crazy when she did it before, but now we know its part of her disease," Loomis said.

On the flip side, Loomis remembers good conversations with her mother, when Betty understands what she was saying. When she enters Carleton and her mother is down by the door, she comes in and Betty says, "That's my kid." That makes Loomis feel good that she hasn't been erased from her mother's mind. She visits her two to three times a week and helps her with craft projects and playing bingo.

Loomis hopes when the time comes that Betty will pass quietly and quickly. She has had a wonderful life it would be horrible if she had to suffer.

*Angeline Loomis is Betty's granddaughter and was eager to give us an update on her grandmother's whereabouts and health.*



PHOTO BY ANGELINE LOOMIS

Betty has been diagnosed with dementia which can cause memory loss, confusion and mood swings.

## "King of Pop" to launch U.K. comeback/ finale tour this summer

By ANINE STANLEY

*Special to the Flashlight*

Legendary singer/songwriter Michael Jackson is making a comeback set in the United Kingdom this July. The "King of Pop" said at a press conference in London on March 5 he is having a series of comeback concerts starting in July, which will be his first major performances in over a decade.

After four years in exile following his child molestation trial, Jackson is now making up for lost time. Jackson was set to perform 10 shows in the London O2 Arena starting on July 8, 2009, but after tickets for the shows sold out within hours of them going on sale, Jackson's promoters increased the number of concerts. 17 shows have been added for the month of September with the possibility of more to come. The arena in South London holds about 20,000 people.

Tickets, ranging from \$70 to \$105, were sold online and at Ticketmasters globally. Is this Jackson's final farewell? The same was said years ago when he released his album "Invincible" in 2001 with claims that it would be his last time in the spotlight.

Jackson has sold over 750 million albums and has won 13 Grammys, but the star hasn't staged a major show since 1997. Many people are behind Jackson's comeback, but his absence on stage for the last 12 years makes some people question the star's ability to put on a great show.

Students on Mansfield University's campus commented on the return of the king of pop. "Regardless of what people say about Michael,



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It was recently speculated by the tabloids that Jackson was in poor health and even dying.

he is the only person who can come back after all these years and people still have love for him," Sandra Parker said.

Student Richard Smith also believes that Jackson can make a comeback. "The dead can rise; he disappeared so that others artists like Ne-yo, Chris Brown and Usher could get their time to shine," Smith said. "Legends never die."

Even after all these positive responses there are some who don't feel the same way. "I have mixed feelings about this because a part of me wants him to do good, but another part of me wants him to just retire already because he's just too weird," student Matthew Gant said. "But I still think he is a great artist and one of the best performers that has ever lived."

## Classic rock and favorite artists kick off new tours, albums and TV Shows

By JENELLE BEAVER

*Flashlight Copy Editor*

If you are a fan of classic rock, then 2009 is the year for you. Many artists of the genre are in the studios working on new albums for their legions of fans, including Bruce Springsteen, U2, Aerosmith, KISS and Ozzy Osbourne.

Bruce Springsteen kicked off 2009 by releasing his current album, "Working on a Dream" in January and performing during the halftime show of the Super Bowl. Along with the new studio album, Springsteen is currently getting ready to kick off the Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band 2009 U.S. and European tour in April. The tour includes stops in both Pennsylvania and New York before heading to Europe at the end of May.

U2 released a new album, "No Line on the Horizon," on March 3. They last released an album, "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb," in 2004. "No Line on the Horizon" debuted at #1 on the Billboard album charts, knocking Taylor Swift from the top spot. The first single off the album is "Get on Your Boots," which they performed to kick off the Grammy Awards in February.

Aerosmith is back in the studio recording an album that they hope to have completed by the time they kick off their summer tour in June, according to band member Joe Perry.

KISS will be releasing their latest



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Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band will be touring both the US and Europe to promote his new album, "Working On a Dream."

studio album in more than a decade in 2009. According to a news release found on the band's web site, the album will be produced by singer/guitarist Paul Stanley. There is no word on when the album is set to be released.

For those die hard Ozzy Osbourne fans, you'll have something to be thankful for this November. Word has it that Ozzy is currently in the studio working on this latest project, which is expected to be released around Thanksgiving. For fans that can't get enough of the Osbournes, the dysfunctional family will debut their new variety show on FOX March 31. Fox says the show will be filled with "audience interaction, rowdy comedy and hilarious stunts."



# Common fashion mishaps to be avoided

By **KIMBERLEE BLOCKER**

*Flashlight Fashion Writer*

I've done all this writing about fashion, but one thing I've never addressed was where we can go wrong with our fashion. Yes, we all can be our own little fashionistas at heart, but no one is perfect! We all make mistakes with our wardrobe and these are the most common fashion traps to avoid.

Granted this seems just a little hypocritical, but sometimes we rely too heavily on the fashion media. I'm not saying to stop reading this article midsentence, but make some choices on your own. The fashion media is simply a style guide. It should never be your bible or something to live by. By relying too heavily on the media you ultimately risk the chance of being a fashion victim. Let's be realistic; not every writer has every body type and frame in mind when composing their articles.

Buying clothes that do not fit is the second mistake we make. I do not care if Aeropostale is having a 70% off sale on all their long sleeved striped polos and the size you want is gone. Do not buy a size that is too small that you need to squeeze into or a larger size that looks like it's engulfing you. Buy your size and if they do not have it then tough luck. Move on to the next. Buying clothes that are not your size can completely break an

outfit. Just the length of your jacket or the hem of your pants can make it look like you're the incredible shrinking man or woman and can make your appearance look sloppy.

Do not buy something in hopes of losing weight. Either lose the weight first or just do not buy it. If you need help on how your clothes should fit, check out this web site because it gives some good tips: <http://fashion.about.com/blfit.htm>.

Buying miscellaneous clothing on sale in hopes of finding things to pair it with later on is third. In the end you find yourself with a closet full of clothes that don't go together. If you find something, have the sales clerk hold it and give yourself some time to find something that matches with it. If you don't find anything to match it, then let it go. Also, go through your closet and find articles of clothing that don't have a top, bottom or accessories for and the next time you go out, keep those items in mind while shopping.

Finally, wearing the wrong undergarments is where women definitely seem to go wrong. Ladies, if you are buying a dress, skirt or dress pants, please keep in mind that undergarments are our friend and not the enemy. If you notice that there is a slight bulge, make sure it's the right size! If it is, then get down with a Spanx and suck all that bulge in. If you are not

familiar with Spanx then you need to be! They are fabulous and most of the celebrities you idolize are more than likely wearing them. Not only will it make your overall appearance fantastic but it will make you look neater.

Also, the right bra can do wonders for an outfit. Many women are wearing the wrong size bra. Just taking a few seconds out of your life to get measured will make a world of difference to your appearance. Also, as far as underwear, do not wear granny panties with outfits that will show your Hanes Her Way. If you are not comfortable with thongs, then buy seamless underwear because VPL (Visible Panty Lines) will NEVER be in style.

Along with VPL, do not become a victim of the panty muncher style where it looks like your panties are dining on your pants. Please buy underwear that fit your bum and not ones that are too big and are protruding and bunching out of your pants. There is no reason for anyone's underwear to show with all of the options women have. If you do not like thongs, then go for hipsters, or boyshorts or even cheekys if you still want to comfortably achieve that sexy look. Either throw the granny panties away or save them for the sweatpants days.

## "Watchmen" breaks the superhero mold

By **NICK ABEL**

*Flashlight Features Writer*

In an alternate universe, there would be no war, no crime and no need for costumed superheroes. This is not the case in the film "Watchmen," where criminals and the threat of world destruction are ever-present members of society.

Adapted from a graphic novel, "Watchmen" transports the audience to an alternate 1985 America, a time when fear and corruption exist in every aspect of life. The United States and the Soviet Union are on the brink of nuclear war, costumed heroes have been banned by law, and Richard Nixon is in his third term of office.

The film begins with the murder of The Comedian, one of the original Minutemen crime-fighters. This group was formed in the 1940s, before the Watchmen came to be. The Comedian's death sparks an aggressive investigation by the masked vigilante Rorschach, who believes his former ally was killed for a deeper reason. As his inquiry ensues, the viewer is taken through a detailed yet brisk history of each costumed character, including their past and present situation. This is effective but somewhat distracting from the overall plot. These origin stories lead to introductions of the recent band of Watchmen, at least those who are free and surviving.

Among them is Dr. Manhattan, a brilliant scientist who suffers an ill-fate at the hands of his own experiments. He is transformed into an indestructible entity, a powerful source of energy that exists beyond the human condition. With him are Silk Spectre II, daughter of a former-Minutemen hero; Nite Owl, a rocket scientist who utilizes his technological prowess in battle; and Ozymandias, the only Watchmen member to reveal his secret identity to the world.

None of the roles are portrayed by any well-known actors, which is both a blessing and a curse. With the exception of Jackie Earle Haley and Jeffrey Dean Morgan as Rorschach and the Comedian, the performances are satisfactory but wooden. Haley brings a sociopathic intensity to Rorschach, while Morgan presents the



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Silk Spectre II and Nite Owl are just some of the creative heroes adapted from the graphic novel for the "Watchmen" film.

Comedian as a care-free jokester who is also a danger to everyone around him.

Billy Crudup plays Dr. Manhattan as a detached and indifferent being. Though it's implied that his abilities have isolated him, his distance from society leaves a hollow and unfulfilled impression. Malin Akerman is convincing, yet bland, as Silk Spectre II, Patrick Wilson's nerdy version of Nite Owl serves as a comic relief, and Matthew Goode is curious but monotone as Ozymandias.

The setting and set construction also play important roles in the film. The dark and dingy alleys capture the fear and loathing of this world, while the hands of the fabled Doomsday Clock remind the citizens that their annihilation could be but a few ticks away.

Unlike other superhero movies that sometimes idolize their savior characters, "Watchmen" treats their own with a strong neglect and disdain, like an unwanted pack of stray dogs. Whatever glory and respect they once held has long since been stripped from them. This adds to the true theme of the film: the world is a cruel and unforgiving realm, one that must be saved from itself. The result is an epic film noir, a lengthy but enthralling story, the dirty little secret of a superhero.

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# Happy St.

Happy Belated St. Patrick's Day! Although holidays that should be celebrated all week, traditions, the holiday has transcended the from every culture and nationality. On Ma



## What did St. Patrick

Most people believe that St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland, but according to MSNBC, he converted 120,000 pagans to Christianity. Snakes may have been an enemy for the druids who once occupied the Isles. Saint Patrick took the pagan symbols, the shamrock and used it to symbolize the Holy Trinity. He died on March 17, 461 A.D. He was canonized on 664 A.D.



## Chicago's green river

Chicago is known for its Irish heritage. On St. Patty's it is all about the green. According to history.com, in 1962 the city of Chicago began dyeing its river green, but this had nothing to do with St. Patrick's Day. Workers used the green dye to track sewage dumping, but officials realized the green river may act as a way for the city to show their Irish pride.





# Patrick's Day!

ugh St. Patrick's Day was Tuesday, it's one of those week long. From Ireland's traditions to Irish American's the Atlantic Ocean and has become popular with people March 17, everyone is Irish!

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## What's Up with the Shamrocks?

Four leaf clovers may be seen as good luck, but the three leaf clover known as the shamrock has its place in St. Patrick's Day history. According to history.com, when the British Isles were occupied by the Celts, they saw a shamrock as a symbol of rebirth and spring. When Christianity came to Britain, the Catholic church banned Irish traditions and language. Celts then began to wear the shamrock as a symbol of nationality and rebellion. MSNBC reported that the shamrock would later be used by St. Patrick to educated people about the three parts of the Holy Trinity.



## Leprechauns on Parade

History.com reports that leprechauns were part of Celtic folklore, known for being mischievous and hiding treasure, but the little green men have absolutely nothing to do with St. Patrick's Day, since they were pagan symbols and St. Patrick's Day was a Catholic holiday. Leprechauns have become a large part of U.S. celebrations, especially in parades.

# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

*They're always after me lucky charms...and me pot of gold!*



Ahoy there Flashlight readers! You may have noticed from references in previous editorials (that you're all reading faithfully, of course) that I am involved in the Student Government Association (SGA). I hold the Vice President of Finance position on the executive board, which means that I am also the chair of the Committee on Finance (COF).

If any of you are the type of student whose parents have been blindly sending checks to Mansfield University without asking any questions, then you may not have heard of us. We are a subcommittee of SGA that is filled

with seven general student body members, six student government senators, a chairperson, the SGA president and the SGA advisor. We are responsible for the distribution of the student activity fees collected each semester, which total over two million dollars each year. That's serious bank.

During this time of economic crisis, an increasing number of organizations, departments and groups have made their way to both COF and SGA in search of just that: bank. We seem to be one of the only remaining sources of funding on campus in this turbulent time.

Last Monday, a proposal was brought to SGA from a group called the Mansfield Downtown Development Corporation. President Bob Strohecker explained that their goal was to build a movie theatre in the downtown Mansfield area. (Do I have your attention yet?)

This may sound exciting, but before you gear up to ask that cute sophomore who sits next to you in biology to catch a show, think about it for a minute. Although the plans are very tenta-

tive, the basic outline that Strohecker provided placed a large (and somewhat risky) financial request on the students' pockets. Initially, \$10,000 would be necessary to pursue permits, lawyers and variances. These are needed to get the ball rolling, so to speak. After that, the corporation hopes to hold a capital campaign and contact alumni to acquire more funding to start building.

The student activity fees come into play to the tune of \$100,000 each year, until the completion of the project. This will be deducted from a more than two million dollar starting point, but it will still have an impact on the amount of money available for entertainment on campus that would more directly impact the students.

I don't think there is a person on this campus who would argue that the addition of a movie theatre to our town would be a bad thing. Entertainment within walking distance of campus other than Walmart - dare to dream! It would be beneficial to the local residents and businesses as well.

The only drawback I see is where we get a return on our investment. (If we were a bank, we would be getting the full amount, plus interest back. This is not the case). First of all, any endeavor like this is a risky one. The town used to have a theatre, but it went under in the 80s. If you think about it, the big ticket movies generally come out during the summer months and over winter break, when the students won't be around, either to pump money into it or to get anything out of it. Although having a theatre would be, well awesome, losing several hundred thousand dollars wouldn't be. My other concern is the purpose of the endeavor.

The idea was proposed as a non-profit business. It would fund itself and hopefully be staffed by students. (There was also mention of student aid during the construction phases to help cut

costs of construction crews). The revenues of the theatre would not be returned to our COF fund to be distributed back to the students though. Instead, they would perpetuate other projects by the corporation, such as a skating rink.

The question then becomes, is this where we want to see our student activity fees spent? Will this benefit us monetarily as well as recreationally? Is this a responsible investment? I'm still waiting for more information before I pass judgement, but as a representative of the student body, I thought that it would be smart to inform you where your money could potentially be spent.

Please also make note that page 14 now features a small COF report that explains what money we approved to be spent by organizations this week (and how much remains in our fund). Not every student can serve on SGA, but every student is represented. Meetings are always open to the public and any senator would be happy to answer student questions.

While we're on the subject, please don't forget to vote for the next SGA president next week. Voting will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 25 and 26. Voting will be held at polling stations in Manser both days, in Retan on the 25 and Alumni on the 26. Going to one of these polling station is the only way to cast your vote and have a say in the future of your SGA. The two candidates running as of now are Matt Poirier and Ralph Slyster.

So now we get to my favorite part of the weekly editorial, the part where I ask for reader response. As I mentioned last week, your money is being spent here. If you have an opinion, either for or against the theatre, about something completely different or want to hear more about something mentioned this week, please share it with us. E-mail us at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).

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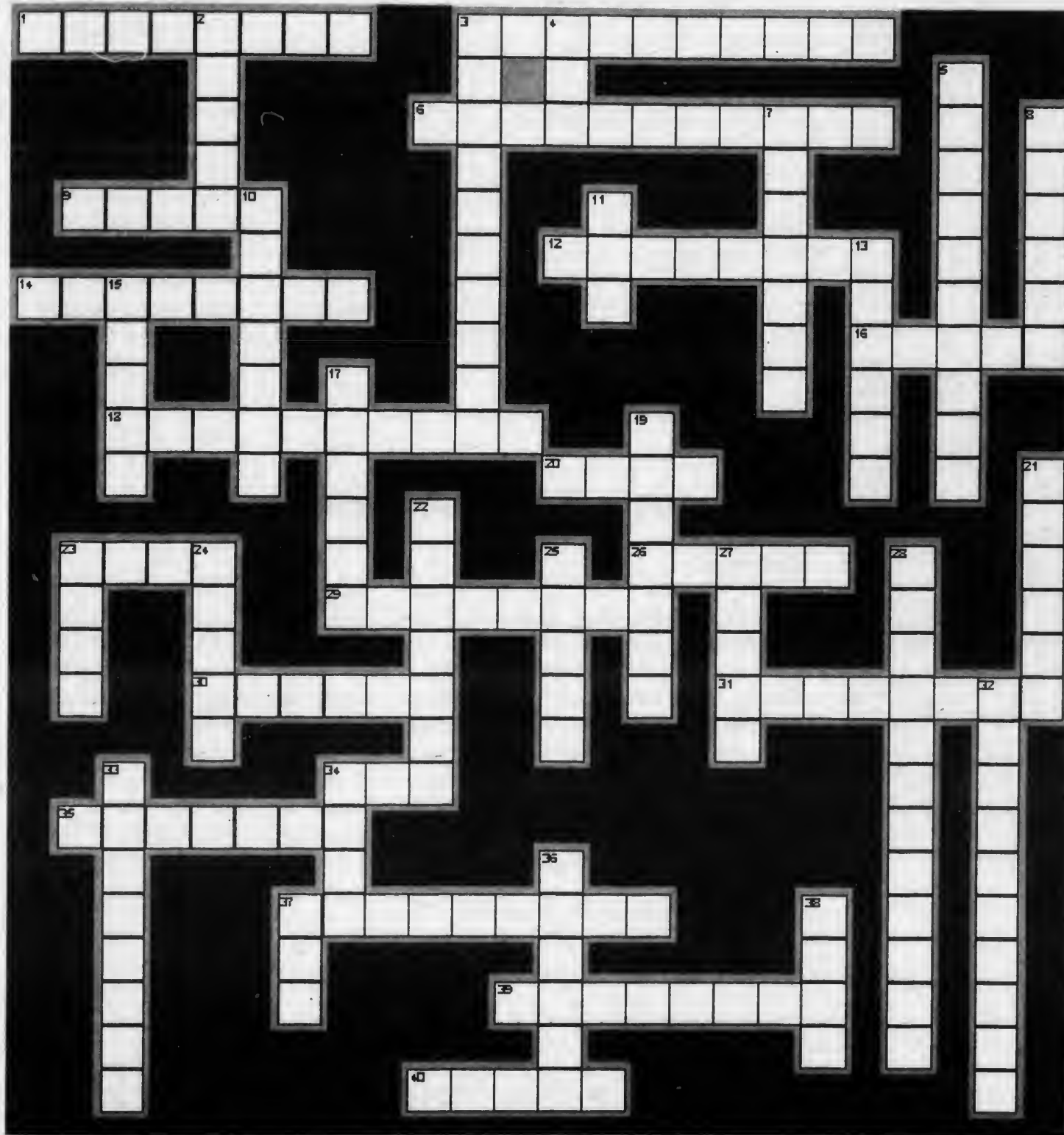
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# Flashlight Puzzle Page



39. Secret organization in the coal mining business, "The Molly \_\_\_\_\_."  
 40. Bostonian actor known for "Good Will Hunting," Matt \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

2. \_\_\_\_\_, white, and orange are the colors of the Irish flag.  
 3. A fairy creature left in place of a human baby or the 2008 Angelina Jolie film.  
 4. Hair color of the Irish.  
 5. An elf of Irish folklore that is known to hide treasure.  
 7. Country where St. Patrick's Day originated.  
 8. Harry Potter character "\_\_\_\_\_ Finnigan."  
 10. Ireland is nicknamed the "\_\_\_\_\_ isle" for its beautiful green grass.  
 11. Age old conflict in Ireland between \_\_\_\_\_ and the British  
 13. The reptiles that St. Patrick supposedly ran out of Ireland.  
 15. Movie "The Secret of the Roan \_\_\_\_\_."  
 17. The Irish, Gaels, Welsh, and Bretons still practice \_\_\_\_\_ traditions.  
 19. A female spirit that wails as a sign of a coming death.  
 21. Capital of Ireland.  
 22. The \_\_\_\_\_ Stone is kissed for good luck.  
 23. Scot Gerard Butler played an Irishman in 2007's "P.S. I \_\_\_\_\_ You."  
 24. 1959 Disney movie, "\_\_\_\_\_ O'Gill and the Little People."  
 25. Movie "The Quiet Man" Starring John \_\_\_\_\_.  
 27. Luck of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 28. Ireland's patron saint.  
 32. For whom "the pipes, the pipes are calling..." (3 words)  
 33. Also known as a clover.  
 34. Frontman of Irish band U2.  
 36. In 1845, Ireland suffered "The Great \_\_\_\_\_ Famine."  
 37. An Irish Bar.  
 38. "\_\_\_\_\_ me, I'm Irish!"

## Across

1. Irish/punk band "\_\_\_\_\_  
 Molly."  
 3. Food often served with cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. (2 words)  
 6. Celtic wedding tradition where a knot is tied around the hands of the man and woman.  
 9. "Never \_\_\_\_\_" by Dropkick Murphys  
 12. Sprinkling of birth marks

across the nose and cheeks.

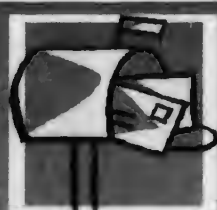
14. Ireland's world famous beer brand.  
 16. Book "Angela's \_\_\_\_\_" by Frank McCourt  
 18. Irish walking stick or club.  
 20. Irish Actor Neeson from the film "Taken."  
 23. Michael Flatley's Irish dance show "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Dance."  
 26. Author of "Gulliver's Travels," Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_

29. Irish ring featuring two hands clasping a heart that is topped by a crown.  
 30. U.S. city where the "Irish Mob War" took place.  
 31. USA's second largest St. Patrick's Day parade is in \_\_\_\_\_, Pennsylvania.  
 34. Journalist Nellie \_\_\_\_\_ had Irish immigrant parents.  
 35. U.S. river dyed green for St. Patrick's Day.  
 37. Found at the end of a rainbow.

Solution  
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## The Flashlight: Letter to the Editor



### The flag pole debate continues...

Dear Editor,

I read the letter to the editor in the previous issue of *The Flashlight* about the flag poles. Obviously the information about the flag poles was misunderstood. I was in attendance of the address that President Loeschke gave on campus last month, and she clearly stated that people can donate the money for the flag poles. You know, like community people and faculty/staff. The money isn't coming directly out of the University's pocket. This was also stated in the article that was in the Flashlight. I know because I wrote it. Not trying to sound rude, but our President does know what she is doing with our money, and she knows how to handle it wisely. She is trying to do a good deed by honoring our exchange students, and making the campus beautiful at the same time.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Hazen

### Little people doing a lot of good...

Dear Editor,

The editor receives many letters with serious issues worth focus. Many issues that go over the desk are heated and stringent. As a student at MU, I would like to recognize a few of the people that I admire and appreciate, to change the pace for a few minutes. There is a particular lady in Retan who keeps our building ship-shape, the employees at Jazzman who serve with a smile, the helpful tips from those in the bookstore, the gracious service at the North Hall Library, the folks in our Career Center and Mountaineer Leadership Program, all of our maintenance staff, student employees, and the professors who manage to make extra time for their learners. There are many more do-gooders and good deeds that go on, even the smallest acts do not go unnoticed... We have quite a collection of wonderful people among us. I am thankful to be a participant.

We are all custodians of the earth.

Sincerely,

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## Watch your money at work

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The committee met last Thursday, March 12, and allocated funds for the following groups:

**Black Student Union** was allocated \$2,700.00 for a Multi-Cultural Banquet, which will be held on April 25, in North Manser.

**Men for Progress** was allocated \$3,710.00 for a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on March 28, which will take place on the road between Laurel and Pinecrest.

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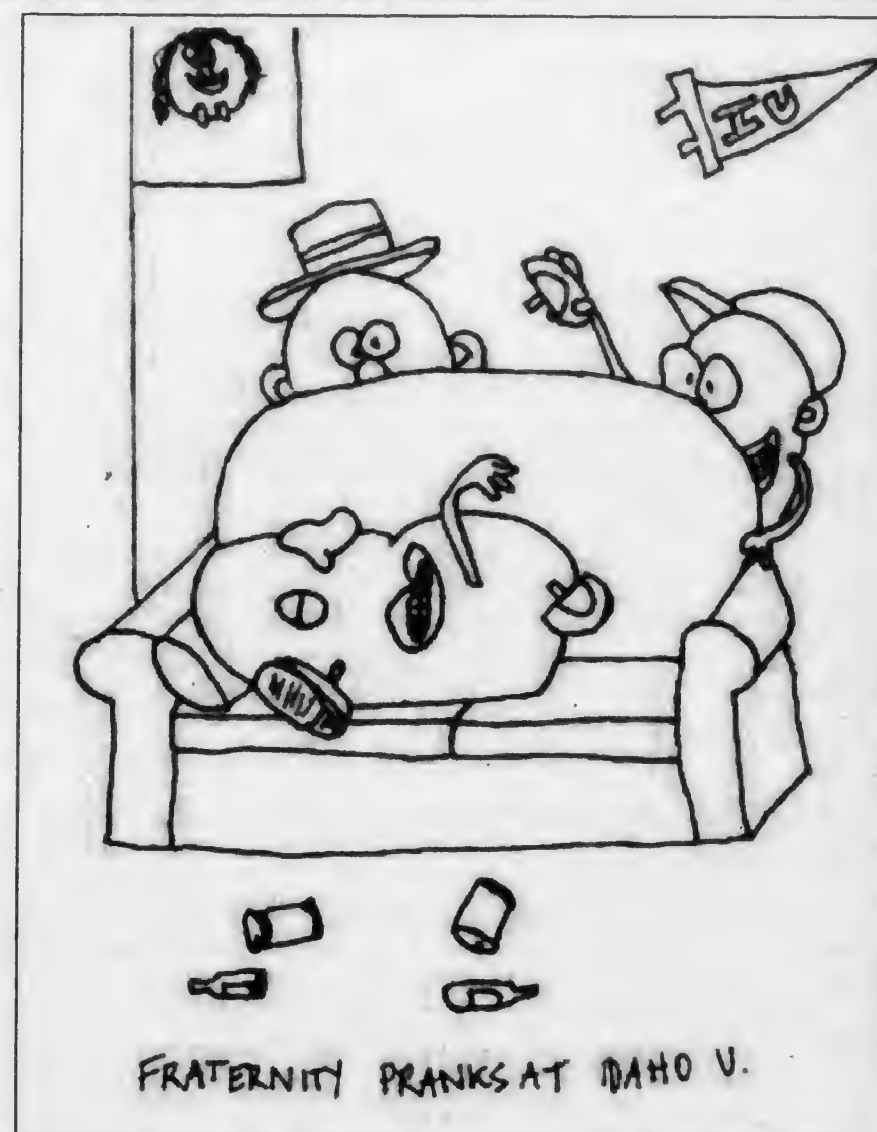


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# Softball returns from Myrtle Beach and Francis Marion with 4-5 record

By NICOLE HAGAN  
Flashlight Sports Editor

The Mansfield University softball team will head to the West Virginia Wesleyan College (WVWC) Tournament March 20-22 after going 5-4 in North and South Carolina.

After their first five games of the year were rained out at the Catawba Invitational in Salisbury, NC, the team won their first four games at the Fastpitch Classic in Myrtle Beach, SC before dropping five games at the Francis Marion Tournament at Francis Marion University (FMU).

"The team prepared very hard for the season and there is nothing we can do to control the weather," head coach Edith Gallagher said. "We can only control how we react and what we did is took the couple of days off to workout and train as best we could."

At the Fastpitch Classic in South Carolina, the team opened up their season with four wins against Concordia College, Mt. Aloysius College, Alvernia College and Thiel College.

In day one against Concordia and Mt. Aloysius, the team won their opener 5-4 and the nightcap 2-0.

The team trailed 4-2 after five innings of cold morning temperatures against Concordia before Janelle Antes hit an RBI single in the top of the sixth to bring in Jen Swarr and make the score 4-3. Mansfield got two more runs in the seventh when Jordan Rishel stole home on a wild pitch and Megan Trutt scored on a passed ball, giving them their first win of the season.

Melissa Baer started at pitcher, going 4 and a third innings, before Kami Bishop came in as a relief pitcher. Bishop struck out the last six batters, earning her first collegiate win.

"Both Melissa and Kami have been working hard and have little game experience behind them," Gallagher said. "As the season progresses and they get into 'game' pitching shape, they will both improve."

Antes was 2-4 in the opener with a double and three RBIs while Trutt was 1-3 with one earned run.

Sole senior Katie McConville highlighted the nightcap, picking up two solo home runs in the fourth and sixth to give the Mountaineers a 2-0 win. She was 3-3 on the night.

Bishop threw a complete game, shutting out Mt. Aloysius to pick up her second win of the day after striking out seven and allowing only four hits.

One day two of the Fastpitch Classic, the Mountaineers picked up a 7-3 win against Alvernia and a 14-1 win against Thiel.

The Mountaineers started things out in the bottom of the fourth after Erin Carroll homered to bring in Trutt and Nicole Yost. Alvernia tied things up in the top of the sixth after Lauren Crimi doubled up the middle, but Mansfield came back swinging in the bottom of the inning. Trutt scored off an RBI from Ashley Gaisser and Antes doubled down the left field line with bases loaded to pick up three RBIs and give Mansfield the 7-3 victory.

Bishop picked up her third straight win of the season, scattering five hits, striking out 10 and walking two.

During the nightcap, Mansfield scored in every inning and ended the game on the mercy rule. The mercy rule for softball concludes that a game will end if one team is leading by 10 or more points by the fifth inning.

Aundraa Polk and McConville highlighted the team's hitting, with Polk earning a three-run home run in the top of the first and McConville earning a three-run home run in the top of the third. Antes was 2-2 on the night with 2 walks, Yost was 3-4 with three RBIs and Jamie Castellano was 4-4 with one RBI.

"Katie had her best week ever at the plate at Myrtle

Beach, hitting 3 home runs. She is swinging the bat with more confidence this season," Gallagher said. "She is a natural leader and has done a nice job so far with the role of team captain."

Baer pitched a complete game, allowing only three hits while striking out seven throughout the five innings.

The Mansfield softball team then traveled to FMU where the team dropped five straight games against Davis and Elkins College, the University of South Carolina - Aiken (USCA), St. Andrew's College, the University of North Carolina (UNCP) and Slippery Rock University.

"In Myrtle Beach the team did a good job of playing a complete game and figuring out how to win, keeping our mental and physical mistakes to a minimum," Gallagher said. "However, when we got to Francis Marion, we were physically and mentally exhausted and we made mental and physical mistakes that cost us ball games."

On day one of the tournament the Mountaineers lost to Davis and Elkins 6-3 before falling to USCA in the nightcap.

In the opener, Mansfield trailed by four runs before Trutt hit a solo homer in the top of the fourth. The Mountaineers were able to score two more runs in the top of the seventh after Davis and Elkins' Britne Bacca walked Carroll and Sarah Cullen with the bases loaded, allowing Antes and McConville to score, but they couldn't pull out a win.

Bishop lost her first game of the season after winning three straight games at the Fastpitch Classic, allowing four hits and five runs before she was relieved by Gabriella Carrullo in the sixth.

The nightcap was a closer game, but Mansfield still fell 2-1.

Yost tied the game up 1-1 with a solo homer in the top of the fourth, but USCA got a run in the bottom of the sixth to seal their fate.

Baer pitched a complete game, allowing only two hits while striking out two, but picked up her first loss of the season.

The tournament concluded for the Mountaineers with a rare triple-header that left them with a 6-2 loss to St. Andrews, a 5-3 loss to UNCP and a 7-0 shutout against Slippery Rock.

In the opener, both teams were tied 1-1 until St. Andrews scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth off of two errors. Each team would score one more time in the seventh inning, but St. Andrews took the win.

Cullen was the leading batter for Mansfield with an RBI single in the second inning to bring in Yost and a solo home run in the top of the seventh. She was 2-3 during the game with a homer and two RBIs.

Bishop earned her second loss as the starting pitcher, striking out five, but allowing nine hits before Castellano relieved her in the sixth.

UNCP dominated the second game, scoring all five of their runs in the first three innings. Mansfield was able to edge within two runs after Gaisser doubled through the left side and Swarr lined out to right field to earn the team two runs in the top of the fourth and an additional run in the fifth off of a single from Trutt, but they could not advance the score any further.

Antes was 2-4 in the game with one run, Carroll was 2-3, Trutt was 1-4 with one RBI and Gaisser was 1-2 with one RBI.

Baer picked up the loss, allowing six hits and five runs.

"We did not play well at all in Francis Marion, but the player that was the best was freshmen catcher Erin Carroll," Gallagher said. "She did a great job behind the plate for us and hit very well."

The final game of the tournament was against Slippery Rock, a team which now plays in the PSAC West.

Mansfield had only three hits during the game from Trutt, McConville and Danielle Kiernan, while Bishop picked up the



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Katie McConville picked up two solo home runs against Mt. Aloysius College and a three-run home run against Thiel College during the team's trip to the Fastpitch Classic in Myrtle Beach, SC.

loss. She allowed six hits and five runs before being relieved by Carrullo in the fifth and Castellano in the sixth.

"I'm not sure why the schedule changed for us to play Slippery Rock. The biggest factor in that game was it being the third game of the day in 80 degree heat. We hadn't played in the heat before and by the time we stepped on the field for that third game we had already been at the ball park for 8 hours. We just didn't have anything left in that game."

The team's current 4-5 overall record developed from the team of six freshman, five sophomores, four juniors and one senior that make up the Mountaineers this season. After losing seven seniors last season, three of which were starting pitchers, the team has been looking to make up for lost experience.

"The freshmen have done a great job so far," Gallagher said. "Right now 3-4 of them are in starting positions. That tells you how talented a group they are. The only way you make up for losing seven seniors is getting the new players as much playing time as possible."

Sophomore Baer held a 3-0 record from last season going into the games and is joined by freshman left-hander Bishop as one of two starting pitchers this season. Junior Carrullo and freshman Castellano will seem time as relief pitchers under the guidance of Angie Stackhouse, who is entering her second season as the assistant coach for the Mountaineer softball team.

Yost, traditionally an outfielder, will keep the pitchers in check as one of the catchers and as a co-team captain for the team while junior, two-year starter Stein has started again this season behind the plate. They are joined by freshman Carroll.



# Hillson one game away from 700 mark after baseball team splits season opener

By DAVID VANLOON

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mountaineer baseball team split a double-header with Clarion on Saturday, March 14 in the team's season opener, bringing coach Hillson one game short of a history-making 700 wins.

A final inning rally in the night cap of Saturday's two-game set was not enough to get the victory, and Hillson will have to be content with a mere 699 career wins until Wilmington University comes to town on March, 18. Mansfield's next win will make Hillson one of just three men to reach the historical milestone, and in just his 23 season, he will have accomplished it one year sooner than Slippery Rock's Jeff Messer. Messer reached the magical 700 earlier this year, during his 24 campaign, so Hillson's next win will make him the fastest coach in Pennsylvania's collegiate baseball history to win 700 games.

Mansfield's Chris Miller provided the only offense through the first five frames of the opener when he connected with the first pitch of the fourth inning and sent it for a ride over the fence in left-center field. It would prove to be all the run support the Mountaineers needed, giving them a 2-0 win.

Eric Rosenberger took the hill for the Mountaineers in the first game, allowing just five hits over 6 2/3 shut-out innings before yielding to Trevor Tellip who recorded the final out of the game. Rosenberger was forced to pitch out of a jam in the sixth, after an error and a hit batter loaded the bases with two outs. Clarion's Chuck Roller lined out to end the inning, stranding three men on the bases. The win improved Rosenberger's record to 3-0.

Mansfield tacked on an insurance run in the bottom of the inning with a double by senior, Nate Grove and an RBI single by Chris Coleman. Coleman added defensive support for the Mountaineers in the fifth when a ground ball took a difficult bounce off the bag into foul territory. The first baseman made the grab and was able to dive into the base, glove-first, in time to beat the runner.

Rosenberger gave up a lead-off single to start the seventh

inning, before retiring the next two batters he faced. That would be all for the lefty who threw 89 pitches and got within one out of recording the shut-out.

Coach Hillson signaled for Trevor Tellip to come in from the bull pen and record the save. "Rosenberger did a great job. He threw strikes and didn't walk anybody," Hillson said. "He was at the end of his rope, but he pitched into the seventh and left Tellip in a good position to get the last guy out."

Things didn't go the Mountaineers' way in the second game, however, and they dropped the nightcap 3-2. In the top of the third, a fly ball bounced out of C. Miller's glove for a base hit to get things started for Clarion. The next Clarion batter reached on a weak ground ball hit through the left side of the infield, and an identical next play brought the first run around for the Golden Eagles.

Bad luck continued in the sixth when another playable ball dropped into right field, setting the table for two more Clarion runs. Coach Hillson sent five different pitchers to the mound during the contest in an attempt to minimize the damage, but three runs would be enough for the win.

The Mountaineer offense had trouble warming up during the nightcap of the earliest season opener in school history, but would muster two runs in the game. Coleman reached base for the third time of the afternoon with a double, and was brought home by a Cody Stinger RBI single to close within two runs in the bottom of the sixth. The Mountaineers threatened to tie the game in the seventh, scoring one but leaving two men stranded to end the game.

Chris Zelko (2-1) was charged with his first loss of the season, giving up a run on six hits over 4 1/3 innings. Chuck Roller picked up the win for the visiting Golden Eagles, and freshman, Brandon Slater recorded the save. Brothers Chris and Kevin Miller split four hits in the game for the Mountaineers.

The team's next two games are at home against Wilmington University on Wednesday, March 18 and Kutztown University on Friday, March 20 at 1 p.m.



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Senior Chris Miller hit a home run off the first pitch in the bottom of the fourth to give Mansfield the 1-0 lead in the season opener against Clarion University. In the nightcap, he went 2-4 at the plate with one RBI, despite losing the game 3-2.

## 'SOFTBALL'

Throughout the infield, junior Ashley Gaiser has started at first base in addition to Castellano and freshman Aundraa Polk while sophomore Janelle Antes returns at second base as a starter and one of the leading batters from last year with a .271 average. She is joined by Carrullo who, in addition to pitching and playing second, will contribute as a designated hitter.

At short-stop, sophomore Trutt returns to her natural position after playing center field last year and earning a .300 batting average with two home runs. She is joined by Rishel, a freshman who finished up her field hockey season in the fall as a midfielder. At third base, sophomore Cullen has been starting and will be backed up by freshmen Swarr and Carroll.

In addition to seeing time behind the plate, Yost returns as an outfielder and leading batter with an average of .341 from last season. She is joined by the other co-captain and sole senior, McConville, who has moved to the outfield this season. Swar, Rishel and junior Kierman will also see time as outfielders this season.

The team's first game of the regular season will be against Lock Haven University (LHU) at home on March 24 at 2:30 p.m. The game will introduce one of the largest changes this season as the conference is now broken up into three divisions. While the team has traditionally been a part of the PSAC East, they will now move into the PSAC Central with LHU, Bloomsburg University, Clarion University and the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP).

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# Shane Chapman Editorial: The T.O. Show to pilot in Buffalo

By SHANE CHAPMAN

Flashlight Sports Writer

I hope you've got your popcorn ready Buffalo, you're about to see a show. Terrell Owens is coming to town.

Just one week after being released by Jerry Jones, the infamous T.O. signed a one year contract with the Bills, looking to make an impact on the AFC East. He's a player who still has the ability, but a guy from whom you never know what you're going to get. He does have the second most touchdown receptions in a career, so you just added instant offense. He can go down the field and up the middle. At 35 years old, he might not be able to get over top of defenders like the primetime T.O., but he can still play. Still, owner Ralph Wilson and General Manager Russ Brandon, have you paid ANY attention to sideline, locker room and media T.O.? Is it really worth the risk?

In press releases and news conferences, Wilson, Brandon and coach Dick Jauron had nothing but nice things to say about T.O. and his arrival to Buffalo. The same went for T.O. Don't let that fool you. T.O. is going to be T.O. He said the same things in Philadelphia and Dallas, and well, we all know how those relationships ended.

Owens is going to be great the first few games of the season, no doubt about it. If he doesn't get his 12 or more catches and over 100 yards a game, it's going to be back to the same "give me the (your expletive here) ball" rants he's accustomed to. He's a wide receiver; it's in his blood to want the ball and to be a playmaker. When he doesn't get the ball as much as he'd like, he will be in the ears of a young quarterback, Trent Edwards and an unproven coach, Jauron. Day by day, Owens will kick the already down Buffalo Bills franchise. Luckily for Bills fans, Owens only signed a one year contract, so he should be on his best behavior if he wants to get signed anywhere else

after this season. It will be up to Edwards to distribute the ball to the already established Lee Evans in addition to making T.O. happy - a goal which, if you asked Jeff Garcia, Donovan McNabb and Tony Romo, is easier said than done.

Maybe I'll be wrong, and T.O. will be the perfect teammate. If I am, that's great. However, like I said, T.O. is going to be T.O. - he will find a way to be a distraction. Whether it's overdosing on pills, having his own workout in his driveway or calling out opponents to the media, there always seems to be something to talk about with the spotlight-loving wide receiver.

Despite having three successful seasons with Dallas, catching 235 passes for 3,586 yards, picking up 38 touchdowns in 47 games and leading in the NFL with 13 touchdowns in 2006, he's so wrapped in his own self that the team will always come second. Dallas is a hard place to tear apart - the baddest of the bad boys have played there. Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders made a living in Dallas and never got Jerry Jones upset enough to be released. You really need make the boss mad to have Jerry Jones let you go with that much talent. Apparently, the Bills think they have something that Jerry Jones doesn't. It sure isn't championships.

The man has never played in a game lower than 22 degrees. For a man that has a history of faking injuries, look for Owens to be hurt with a mysterious hamstring injury around November.

Owens can play, if he wants to. He can go up the middle, if he wants to. He can be a nice guy and a great teammate, if he wants to. Owens is a definite hall-of-famer whenever he decides to retire and is going to be a treat in Buffalo. I hope he goes out and puts on a show and keeps his mouth shut, I really do. I just am not convinced he will be able to do that. So Buffalo fans sit back, relax and enjoy the show. As for the team, I hope you've got a good P.R. panel lined up.

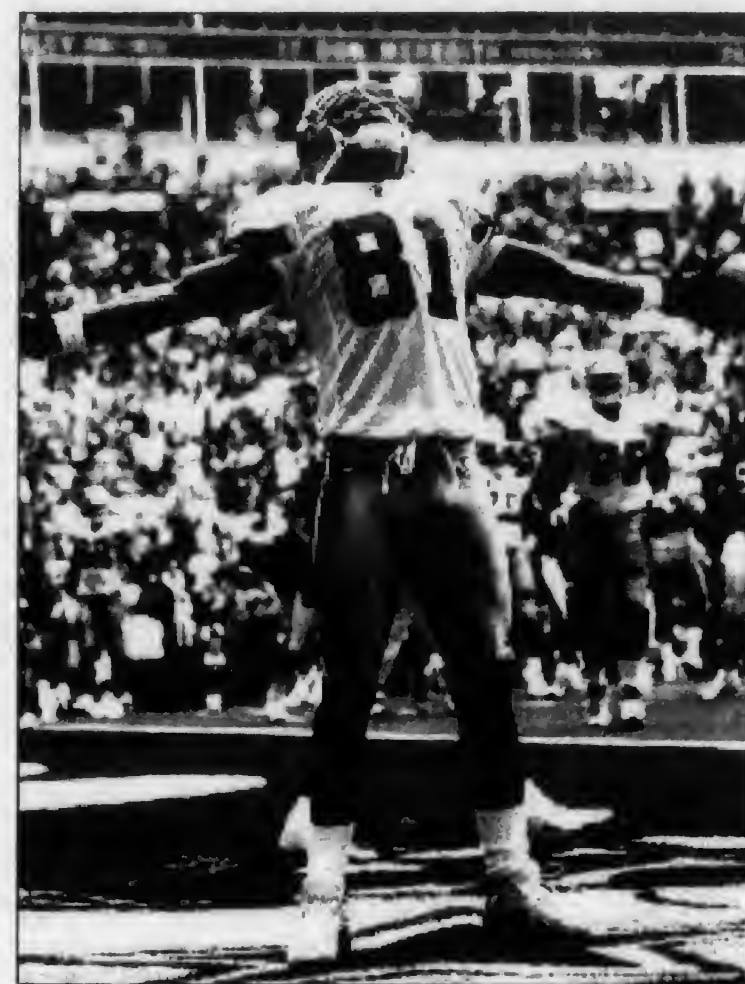


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Terrell Owens picks up a one-year contract with the Buffalo Bills after being let go by Dallas Cowboy general manager Jerry Jones. Despite catching 235 passes for 3,586 yards and picking up 38 touchdowns in 47 games with the Cowboys, teams remain wary of the negative publicity he brings with him.

## A-Rod in good spirits; starts rehabilitation after hip surgery

By TRICIA PHILIP

Flashlight Writer

Alex Rodriguez's recovery is going well after entering the hospital for arthroscopic hip surgery on Monday, March 9.

Rodriguez had friction in his hip joint, a torn hip labrum (tearing the cartilage), which caused restriction in his movements. A-Rod's hip had been bothering him throughout spring training and an MRI in Tampa showed a cyst on his right hip.

This is one surgery A-Rod and the Yankees were trying to put off till after 2009 because Rodriguez would be out for the entire 2009 season.

"He is one of our best players so losing him for the season would have been crucial" manager Joe Girardi said.

They later found out Rodriguez could have minor surgery to keep him healthy and would only keep him out of play till May.

Rodriguez will need a more extensive operation after the season, but is told if he has the surgery before November, he will be ready for 2010 spring training.

Dr. Marc Philippon performed the 80 minute procedure. He said they found nothing that would keep him from returning in May.

"Alex is doing very well. The surgery went exactly as planned, and we will start him on his rehab this afternoon. There were no surprises. It was exactly what we prepared. The labrum was repaired and the cartilage was stabilized. There is

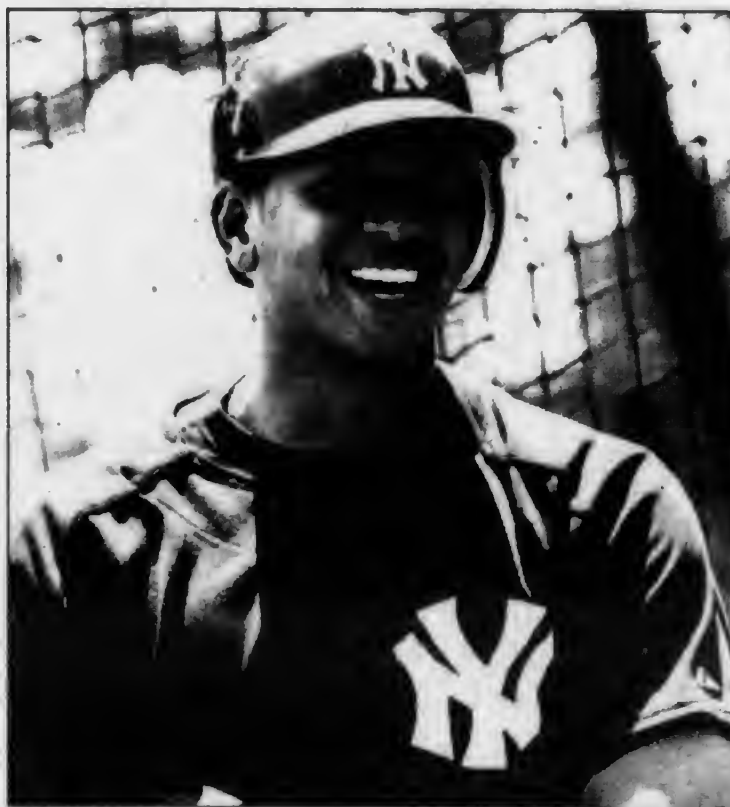


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Alex Rodriguez will miss part of the 2009 regular season for the Yankees due to corrective hip surgery. He will stay in Colorado for the remainder of his recovery, but will need an additional operation in November.

no doubt in our minds that this was the best option for Alex and the Yankees, Alex could have done more harm without the surgery," Philippon said.

Rodriguez started immediately on the fast track to returning to his normal health. He will continue to work on muscle exercises, using small resistance, and should be able to handle a bat this week.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman talked with the three-time AL MVP the night of March 10. "I found A-Rod in good spirits," Cashman said. "He had been riding a stationary bike and doing ranges of motion exercises."

As a part of the next step in his rehab, Rodriguez is starting to exercise in a pool and do some walking and light jogging.

Girardi spoke to Rodriguez after Friday's game.

"He said he was in a good frame of mind, asked how the club was doing and how I was doing," Girardi said. "I asked how he was doing. He said he was doing well, and he just said to keep it going. We're going to miss him. That's the bottom line. I'm glad things went well - the surgery. If there's one thing we know about Alex, we know he's going to work and work and work. It might be a case where you have to hold him back a little bit, because he's going to be anxious to get back."

Rodriguez is expected to spend a few weeks rehabilitating in Colorado, then will return to the Yankees spring training complex in Florida when he will be ready for baseball drills.



# Special March Madness Editorial: Anthony Dario's bracketology report

By ANTHONY DARIO

Flashlight Sports Writer

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) released the Division I men's basketball 65 team bracket tournament standings on Sunday, March 15.

For any college basketball fan, this is an exciting time of the year. The 65 teams are divided up into four regions; the East, West, Midwest and South. These 65 teams are competing for one goal - to be named national champions. The four number one seeds are as follows: Louisville University, University of Connecticut, Pittsburgh University and University of North Carolina. Here are a few things to look at when filling out your bracket.

**The tournament top-scorer:** With the absence of Stephen Curry (Davidson), Jodie Meeks (Kentucky) and Lestor Hudson (Tennessee-Martin), there is only one guy who can step into the role as the tournament's top scorer. Ben Woodside from North Dakota State averaged 22.8 points per game this season - the highest average in the tournament. His season high was 60 points against another tournament team, S.F. Austin, and he only scored in the single digits twice this season out of the team's 32 games. North Dakota State went 26-6 this year winning their conference. This marks the first year that North Dakota State was eligible for the tournament since their rise into Division I basketball. In fact, all of their seniors decided to redshirt their freshman year in order to have this opportunity to play for a bid in the 2009 tournament. The team will play against the defending national champions, Kansas University.

**This year's easiest region:** Arguably the West is the

easiest region. The number one seed is UConn, number two is Memphis, number three is Missouri and the fourth seed is Washington. If you compare them to the rest, this is most likely UConn's bracket. There are only three teams in that bracket that can possibly upset UConn: Memphis, Purdue or Mississippi State with their size match up against UConn's Hasheem Thabeet.

**The upset everyone wants to see:** Binghamton over Duke. It could happen... look at what Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) did.

**Louisville's hard path:** If LU does make it to the sweet 16, they're predicted to play Utah or Wake Forest. Wake Forest was ranked number one for three weeks total this season and will be a dangerous number four seed. Other teams in the bracket include Michigan state, Kansas (last year's champion), Siena and West Virginia. If Louisville comes out of that alive, they will be holding the trophy come April. Unless...

**This year's Cinderella:** There are a lot of possibilities with Cinderella's this year. Teams like Temple, North Dakota State, Dayton, VCU and Western Kentucky won't go down without a fight. Utah State also has the potential to do some damage in the West. The team enters the tournament on a hot streak, winning 25 of their first 26 games and ending their season with a 30-4 record. This has been their 10 consecutive season with 23 wins or higher. Utah State's coach Stew Morrill is no stranger to the prospect of an upset. In 2001, Utah State upset Ohio State in the first round. Additionally, the first round match up of Utah State (15) and Kansas (2) in 2003 was scary with Utah State only losing by three points. Twenty-six-year-

old forward Gary Wilkinson will lead the Aggies averaging 17 points and over seven rebounds per game.

**Best 6 - 11 seed match-up:** VCU over UCLA. VCU is known for being a tournament bracket-buster. Let's refer back to the Duke-VCU game...

**A dangerous five seed:** Purdue. They have talent, quality wins, experience from a big name conference and an easy path to the Sweet 16. The Boilermakers wrapped up their regular season with a 25-9 record and will be lead by E'Twaun Moore who averages 13.9 points per game.

**My Final Four:** I believe Louisville, Memphis, Villanova, and Oklahoma. Call me dumb, but I think Oklahoma can match-up against Tyler Hansborough if they meet in the elite eight. Also, Villanova and Pitt will meet in the elite eight and the last time they played, Villanova shut them down and held them to 53 points.

**Championship match-up:** Louisville vs Oklahoma.

**Winner:** Unless the upsets prove fierce.... Oklahoma is here. Louisville's hard path through Wake Forest, Kansas and Michigan State may leave the team waiting at the bus station in Indianapolis instead of the locker rooms, so Oklahoma may not be up against the Cardinals. However, Blake Griffin, Taylor Griffin and Willie Warren of the Sooners are all scoring threats and will look to lead their team through the Southern division toward an NCAA Championship.

There you have it - my NCAA picks. I might be wrong. You might think I am not playing the system with my crazy picks. But what is March without a little madness?



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## Yuseff Carr and Tony Fannick earn post-season honors

By NICOLE HAGAN

*Flashlight Sports Editor*

Yuseff Carr earned All-PSAC East Second team honors and Tony Fannick was named the PSAC East Rookie of the Year in the post



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION  
Sophomore Yuseff Carr scored 16 points and brought down nine rebounds in the team's final game against Kutztown in the PSAC quarterfinals, just missing out on his sixth double-double of the season.

season polls released March 11.

Carr, a sophomore forward for the Mountaineers, started in all 27 games this season and led the Mountaineers in scoring, averaging 15.4 points per game (ppg), 7.7 rebounds per game (rpg) and 52.8 percent in shooting from the floor. He also led the team with five double-doubles over the season against teams such as Penn College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Cheyney University and twice against Shippensburg University.

"I feel that I have come a long way from when I was a freshman," Carr said. "I lost 25 pounds in the off season to increase my playing time and my quickness and I plan to keep getting in better shape. I have improved my rebounding and points per game average as well as my free throw and field goal percentage. My high school coach always drilled in my head that offense wins games, but defense wins championships, so I plan on working on my turnaround jump shot, my defense and my perimeter moves in the seasons to come so that I have a well rounded arsenal to go to."

Carr ended his season ranking 14 in the PSAC East in overall scoring (tying with Josh Yanke of Clarion University), ranking ninth in rebounding (tying with Dominique Curry of Cheyney University), eighth in field goal percentage and 14 in blocked shots. He also ranked 14 in offensive rebounds (tying with Jordan Armstrong of Mercyhurst) and 10 in defensive rebounds. Moreover, Carr picked up 31 assists this season, 18 blocked shots, 27 steals and earned a 73.6 free throw percentage.

Fannick, a freshman forward for the Mountaineers, was a five-time PSAC East Freshman of the week honoree who averaged 10 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 30.3 percent from behind the arc and 46.3 percent in shooting from the floor. Additionally, after starting in 16 games this season, he contributed with nine blocks, 12 steals and two double-doubles against Gannon University and Millersville University. Fannick also finished the year ranking second on the team in assists with 61 – one place behind senior point guard Chris Greene who dished out 85 assists and snatched 33 steals.

"Chris Greene without a doubt showed how much of a leader he really is," Carr said. "He fought his way back into the starting lineup after being sidelined from multiple ankle injuries. Chris played smart every time he stepped on the court and he also played unselfishly. This little guy played a big role in the Mountaineers post season play."

In the conference, Fannick tied with Billy Arre of Lock Haven University for first place in free throw shooting, hitting 87.8 percent from the foul line.

The Mountaineer team went 15-12 overall this season and earned their first PSAC playoff berth since the 2005-06 season with an 8-6 conference record. The team ranked first in the conference in free throw percentage with 74.7 percent, fifth in the conference averaging 76.1 ppg, 11 in scoring defense (72.1 ppg), seventh in field goal percentage (44.2 percent), seventh in three-point percentage (34.4 percent), third in blocked shots (4.1 blocked shots per game)



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION  
Tony Fannick averaged 10 ppg this season as a freshman for the Mountaineers and contributed underneath the bucket with 138 rebounds this season - the second highest on the team.

and sixth in assists (13.9 assists pg).

"I feel that our team this year did a decent job competing throughout the season," Carr said. "There were some games that I felt we could have won, but they turned out to be losses. However, compared to my freshman year, as a team we played better defense and we played hard every game."

## Coming up in Mountie Sports

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| March 19<br>- Boxing Regionals @ Salisbury, MD | 20<br>- Baseball vs. Kutztown, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ WVWC Tournament<br>- Boxing Regionals @ Salisbury, MD                                  | 21<br>- Baseball @ Kutztown, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ WVWC Tournament<br>- Boxing Regionals @ Salisbury, MD                                    | 22<br>- Softball @ WVWC Tournament<br>- Track & Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC<br>- Boxing Regionals @ Salisbury, MD | 23<br>- Baseball @ IUP, 1 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC | 24<br>- Softball vs. Lock Haven University, 2:30 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC | 25<br>- Track & Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC |
| 26<br>- Track & Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC | 27<br>- Baseball @ West Chester University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ Clarion University, 2:30 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC | 28<br>- Baseball vs. West Chester University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball vs. Gannon University, 1 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ Wake Forest Invite, NC | 29                                                                                                                   | 30                                                                         | 31<br>- Baseball @ Lack Erie College, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ IUP, 2:30 p.m.                       | April 1                                        |



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## David Cook gives students "Time of Their Life" during performance

By BEKA BROWN

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Last year's *American Idol* winner, David Cook, took the stage at Straughn Auditorium on March 19.

Cook delighted more than 1,000 students, faculty, staff and community members that comprised the sold-out crowd. His hour-long set featured songs from his self-titled album, such as "Mr. Sensitive" and his hit single "Light On." He also played covers from Fleetwood Mac and Van Halen.

Mansfield University was one of many stops on the college tour. Performing in front of college audiences was a priority for Cook. "Going into my freshman year of college was when I really started

getting serious about the whole music thing. There's a vibe here you don't find anywhere else," Cook said. "I've been really pleased with every city. Mansfield has been no exception."

The star of the Declaration Tour 2009 explained that he has tried not to define his sound. "I guess I don't [define my sound]. I learned early on that everyone was going to try to put me in a box," Cook said. "I'm pretty sure I do rock though." Cook was joined by another rocker in opening act Ryan Star.

Star got his start in the spotlight on the CBS show *Rock Star: Supernova*. "I'm a singer/songwriter. I'm a solo artist, but when you see the show, we're a rock band," Star said. He described his

inspiration as anything that catches his eye, but film visuals take special priority. "What a director does in three hours I have to do in three minutes," Star said.

Star gave the audience an extra taste of his rocker persona midway through his show. Milky White, which students may have remembered as the cow prop from the recent performance of "Into the Woods," made her second onstage appearance during Star's set. The musician smashed the prop, thinking that Cook was playing a practical joke on him. The joke was on him later though, when he was required to pay approximately \$2,000 to replace the damaged goods.

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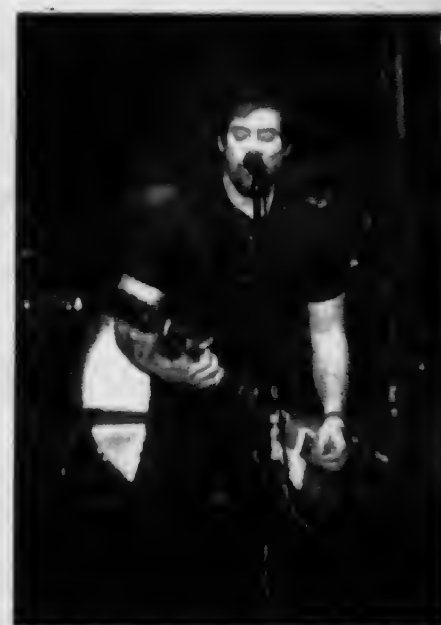


PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY  
David Cook gave a sold out performance in Mansfield University as part of his Declaration Tour.

## Country singer Josh Gracin to perform at Mansfield University

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

Josh Gracin, a country singer, will be performing at Mansfield University on April 2, in Straughn Auditorium.

Gracin's music career started when he appeared on the second season of the popular series *American Idol*, but he had been singing long before then.

He grew up in Michigan listening to music that his parents listened to such as Elvis and the Beatles. When he was 11, the station in his hometown changed to country, and it was then and there when he found his calling.

His first time singing in public was at an eighth grade talent show where he sang Garth Brooks' "Standing Outside the Fire," and won the competition.

Gracin grew up with four sisters, so his parents never really wanted him to play sports. Instead, Gracin found himself playing musical instruments such as the

saxophone, and singing everything from opera to Motown. While still in school, he was in a talent competition that ended up taking him to the stage of the Grand Ole Opry.

After high school, he enlisted in the Marines, and got married. In the middle of his four year contract with the Marines, Gracin saw the first season of *American Idol*, and became hooked. He started practicing, because he hadn't sung in a while, and was chosen as a finalist during the second season. He came in fourth place in the end.

During the second season of *American Idol*, the war with Iraq had just started. "The toughest moment through all of this was when we were doing the show, and I was staying up until four or five in the morning just watching the news and trying to keep track of how the Marines were doing over there. I felt guilty because I was singing on this show, and there were fellow Marines over there in foxholes," Gracin said.

The night that perhaps changed everything for Gracin was when he was singing a song by Rascal Flatts, another country band. The members of Rascal Flatts just so happened to be watching the show on their tour bus that night. The members were all impressed with Gracin's vocal talent. They called Gracin and put him in touch with Marty Williams, who had co-produced the bands first two successful albums. Thus, Gracin was signed to a record deal with Lyric Street, the same label that signed Rascal Flatts.

Gracin's self-titled debut album, featuring the single "I Want to Live," was released in 2004. Its second single, "Nothin' to Lose," reached No. 1 on country radio charts.

Gracin was one of only two new country artists at the time to have all of his first three singles hit the top five charts. He was also one of only two new male country singers to be introduced in the last two years to earn a gold album. "It's been an amazing couple of

years," Gracin said. "Country music fans have been really receptive and encouraging. I feel like, for a first step, we did really well. But it was just a first step."

Gracin's sophomore album *We Weren't Crazy* came out in 2008. "This album is more me," Gracin said. "I was able to focus on making the album I wanted to make. For the first album, I was still in the service, so I had to fly in and out to record when I could. It had my undivided attention."

Gracin got an honorable discharge from the military in 2004, and since then has devoted his life full time to his family and music. He now owns a home in Nashville, TN.

"My life has changed a lot in a few years, but I haven't changed," Gracin said. "I have a family that keeps me grounded. For me, it's all about the music. I just want to get out there and help people have a good time and play some great music for them."

Weekly  
Weather

## TODAY



Cloudy

High: 52 Low: 34

## FRIDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 55 Low: 33

## SATURDAY



Showers

High: 50 Low: 39

## SUNDAY



Showers

High: 55 Low: 33

## MONDAY

Rain/  
Snow  
Showers

High: 48 Low: 34

## TUESDAY



Showers

High: 45 Low: 31

## WEDNESDAY



Sunny

High: 48 Low: 32

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-In Alumni Hall Student Center other laptops or computers cannot be attached to the systems because this practice has caused an undue number of problems for IT and AV. From now on, it will be necessary for you or your presenters to bring your programs on a disc or jump drive. We also ask that you be sure to turn off the overhead projector, as well as all of the equipment in the upper and lower portions of the media cart before leaving the room. In the past few months, we have had several instances of equipment being left powered up and overheating in the confines of the cabinets. Unfortunately, there are no funds available to replace this equipment, so people must do all that is possible to keep it functional.

-The Josh Gracin concert will be Thursday, April 2 at 8 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium (doors open at 7 p.m.). The opening act will be Natalie Stovall.

-Social work majors Amber Ellixson, Lisa Saltsman and Terry Babb are working on a group project for their social work practice class. They are sponsoring concern for foster care children and families. They are asking for donations of gently used or new duffel bags, backpacks, suitcases and donations. There are containers marked "Concern- Foster Care" at Kelchner and in the campus bookstore. The boxes will be there until April 13.

-The Mansfield Activities Council (MAC) presents: Banachek this Thursday, March 26 at the hut. Showtime: 9 p.m. He is described as "Cream of the Crop" when it comes to entertainers. Banachek is the world's leading mind reader. His show is "Amazing! A terrific show!" Don't miss this live performance by Banachek. Funded by the Student Activity Fees.

-Registration for fall 2009 courses will be continuing all week until April 4. Check out the registration schedule at <http://esd.mansfield.edu/registrar/>

## 'DAVID COOK'

Both former reality show stars have made an easy transition to the stage and have already started a fan following. Attendees began lining up outside Straughn at noon - nine hours before Cook was scheduled to take the stage. Cook recognized that these fans played a key role in his success and was quick to thank them. "To be able to be where I'm at in my life right now is a direct result of people supporting me on the show [American Idol]... Hopefully I have a long career ahead of me to prove you guys right," Cook said.

Serena Lingo and Cathie Dillard are two super-fans from the West Coast who had attended 22 shows, prior to coming to Mansfield University. Lingo shared that she had no plans for the immediate future, except to keep following the tour. "At this point, we don't have a flight home. We'll go till we can't go anymore," Lingo said. "It never gets old. The set list changes every night and it's just that good."

Lingo and Dillard, along with several other

women, met because of their interest in Cook and the group now follows him across the country.

Mansfield University students added to the line of fans, which at its peak stretched past Elliot and around to U.S. Route 6. Junior elementary education major Kim Zeckman explained that her interest in American Idol had brought her out to the show, but conceded that not all students shared her passion. She expressed that providing free tickets to students improved attendance. "We're using our student activity fees wisely," Zeckman said. "Especially because not everyone knows who he is. Not everyone watches American Idol."

Social work major Amber Ellixson echoed the idea. "It was something to do and it was free...I think more students will come because it's free."

The concert was sponsored by the Student Activities Office and funded by student activity fees.

## Entertainment Corner

Courtesy of billboard.com



## Hot 100

- 1.) Flo Rida - Right Round
- 2.) T.I. feat. Justin Timberlake- Dead & Gone
- 3.) Lady Gaga - Poker Face
- 4.) Soulja Boy Tell'em feat. Sammie- Kiss Me Thru The Phone
- 5.) Kelly Clarkson - My Life Would Suck Without You



Courtesy of imdb.com



## Hot Movies:

- 1.) Knowing - PG-13, Nicholas Cage
- 2.) I Love You, Man - R, Paul Rudd
- 3.) Duplicity - PG-13, Julia Roberts
- 4.) Race to Witch Mountain - PG, Dwayne Johnson
- 5.) Watchmen - R, Malin Akerman

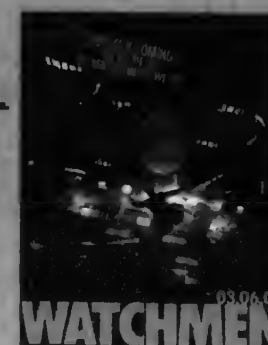


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Students lined up before the doors opened to get a good seat for the concert. Doors opened at 7 p.m., but people were outside as early as 12 p.m.



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## Mansfield students speak out against Governor Rendell

Governor Ed Rendell met with Pennsylvania State University (PSU) students last week to discuss tuition.

Rendell said that tuition relief funding would not be going to PSU under his plan.

"The students weren't overjoyed, but I told them the reasons, and I told them for example, tuition's increased at Penn State over the last six years that I've been governor by 63 percent," Gov. Rendell said.

During his press conference, Rendell uttered a sentence that did not go over well with Mansfield University students.

*"You go to Mansfield (University of Pennsylvania), you understand you're going to a state university that doesn't have this incredible campus, and all these incredible options."* - Governor Ed Rendell

Several Mansfield students voiced their feelings about Rendell's statement:

"It did come across as ignorant and he did word it wrong, but now when I re-read it, I take it that he was just comparing the biggest state school to the smallest state school.

"I do believe he should apologize. I am a senior and soon to be graduating and have enjoyed every year here. I love how we have a smaller student-teacher ratio. It is a nice setting and more serene.

"I feel that since I went to a college that has a smaller campus, I received a better education than if I went to a college that has a larger campus, such as Penn State." - Amanda Taylor said.

"It was ignorant of him. We may not have the facilities that Penn State has, but that doesn't mean that our campus is not worth it.

"We have pride in our campus here. It's small and it's personal. Some of us choose to come here because, yeah, it's less expensive, but some of us choose to come here because we want to be a person and not a number.

"How many students at Penn State can say they have seen the university president in the dining hall passing out candy on holidays? How many students at Penn State can say they have never had a T.A. teach a class instead of a professor?

"Here at Mansfield most of us have seen the president passing out candy in Manser, and none of us have had a T.A. teach our classes. Here at Mansfield we are people, and that's what we get for "making a choice." I for one am glad I chose this university." - Marlie Manning said.

"I was accepted to both Penn State and Mansfield University...and look where I am. Yes, money had something to do with it, but Mansfield felt more like 'home.'

"I can talk with my professors and I have a great group of friends. I know the majority of this campus, and that's a comforting thing to me.

"I don't know how it feels to just be a number, and I didn't want to find out. That's why I picked Mansfield over Penn State. I wanted to be someone. The campus is beautiful, and we are in the most spectacular part of Pennsylvania, especially in the autumn.

"If someone can't see or comprehend these facts, then perhaps he should come up for a visit to see the campus, and the student body.

"I feel that the Governor needs to see and spend time at all of the state schools...especially now in this economic crisis. Money is going to be a big factor for incoming freshmen, and he needs to see what a great place we are...even if we aren't Penn State.

"I'm proud to be here at Mansfield University." - Kelly Nelson said.



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The Governor has since apologized for his remarks. He says that they were not intended to sound negative, and they were taken out of context. However, Mansfield University students feel that he should be more careful in what he says. A spokesperson for Mansfield University says, "We know the Governor loves this area, but we disagree with his comparison. However, we know he was caught in a situation and it didn't come off so well for him or the University."

**What do you think? Voice your opinion by sending your letters to the editor at**  
**[flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu)**



By **REBECCA HAZEN**  
Flashlight News Editor

The Activities Advisory Council (AAC) is an organization on campus that helps coordinate student run events.

Jamie Miller, the president of AAC, says that the organization started by accident. "Last semester I decided I wanted to see an organization that would serve two primary purposes: assist smaller organizations to run events more smoothly, and increase the communication between organizations," Miller said. "Little did I know, at the same time a group of students was working through Student Government Association to establish a very similar organization."

The club is learning how to stand on their own two feet. They've faced some trials and tribulations, but they

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have made it through so far. They have since teamed up with Mr. Zellner, the Diversity Coordinator on campus to create an organization that works to make events better.

In order to make things better, the AAC wants constant communication between all of the organizations. This way two events won't be held on the same night, causing people to have to choose one event over the other. The organization also wants to make sure that all organizations are familiar with the diversity that's around campus so that they can tailor their events accordingly. The AAC also ensures that organizations are fulfilling their requirements of being an active organization on campus. It is giving them all the resources to successfully reach these requirements, and hopefully in doing so, the organization as a whole gets something out of each event.

"We want to make sure it is promoted properly to the whole campus, that it is inclusive to all members of the University, that other organizations are aware of every event so they have the chance to co-sponsor events and to ensure there are not two

similar events happening the same night, or two major events conflicting at the same time," Miller said.

For example, if an organization wants to do an Adopt-A-Highway project, they'd do fine on their own, but if it were opened up to other organizations as well, think of all the possibilities. Two organizations could do twice as much. All the organizations on campus can fulfill their community service requirements. "We could have organizations working together (that probably never would have otherwise), pooling their resources and tapping into a greater number of students on campus," Miller said.

The AAC has not done any programming themselves yet, but they've been hard at work assisting with whatever needed to be done for events that were already planned. They set up door-to-door handouts for the Big Event with the help of the Greeks on campus. For the David Cook concert, they sent out a "Street Team" to hand out fliers about when and where students could pick up their tickets. They also organized Mansfield Idol to get the campus excited for the

concert. In the future, the AAC will be working with the community Easter egg hunt, and the Big Event. "We are always looking for new ways to reach the students. That's where our main focus is at the moment - we have to reach as many students as possible, and excite them about upcoming events," Miller said.

Any one is allowed to join the council. "I think we have productive meetings with the small group that we have, but we could certainly benefit from feedback from more sources," Miller said.

AAC meets twice a week, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. in room 317 Alumni Hall. On Wednesdays the organization focuses on their mission statement, vision, goals and getting them down on paper. On Friday they discuss any upcoming events that they are working on.

"The thing I'm most proud of is seeing and hearing the motivation of the students in the organization. It is that motivation, that initiative and that creativity that results in successful projects," Miller said.

## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

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| 26<br>-7 p.m. Alash Ensemble, Guest Group                                                                                                                                                                    | 27<br>-8:30 a.m. -3 p.m. VISITATION DAY Steadman Theatre | 28<br>-1 p.m. Kristi Kaster and Ian Miller, Sr/Jr Oboe/ clarinet Recital<br>-4 p.m. Megan McFadden and Meghan Zwart, Voice Sr/Jr Recital<br>-8 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert | 29<br>-12 p.m. Ashley Davis, Senior Saxophone Recital<br>-3 p.m. Anthony Bortone and Keri Maldonado, Junior Tuba/French Horn Recital<br>-7:30 p.m. Dr. Andrew Walters, Faculty Composition Recital     | 30<br>-8 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Concert                                                                 | 31      | April 1<br>-4 p.m. -6 p.m. Beyond Honor Codes, Policies and Procedures: Why Cultures are Essential to our Future. Location: Alumni Hall 317 |
| 2<br>-12 p.m. -3 p.m. Mansfield University's Job & Internship Fair at Kelchner Fitness Center<br>-4:30 pm -6 p.m. Poetry reading by Pennsylvania poets Erinn Batykefer and K.A. Hays<br>Location: Alumni 317 | 3<br>-Relay for Life at Kelchner Fitness Center          | 4<br>-Relay for Life at Kelchner Fitness Center<br>-1 p.m. Cassandra Reichard and christina Verbyla, Sr/Jr Clarinet Recital<br>-4 p.m. Andrew Dutko, Senior Voice Recital | 5<br>-12 p.m. Gabriel Wagaman, Senior Clarinet Recital<br>-2 p.m. Kellie Barbato, Senior Voice Recital<br>-4:30 p.m. Billy Montana, Guest Recital<br>-7:30 pm Philip Brink, Guest Bass Trombone Artist | 6<br>-7 p.m. 20th Annual Student Affairs Outstanding Student Service Awards Banquet. (By invitation only) | 7       | 8                                                                                                                                           |



## Student Government Association holding elections

By NICK ABEL

Flashlight Writer

Students who want a say in decision-making around campus can now let their voices be heard.

Mansfield University Student Government Association elections will be held March 25 and 26, providing students the chance to choose next year's leaders. Offices at stake during this election include president and all senate seats.

Unlike other years when students could fill-out their ballots and vote online, this election will be held at polling places around the campus. Students will need a form of photo identification to cast their vote (such as their Mansfield ID or driver's license). However, these polling places will not be open for long. The election schedule and locations are as follows:

Manser: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 25 and 26

Retan Center: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 25

Alumni Hall: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 26

While this new process may be more traditional when compared to a higher election, the additional trip to a voting station could be an inconvenience for some. What do the students think of this new system? "It's good in a way," Bill

Kleintop, a sophomore computer and information science major said. "Having places to vote at makes it seem more professional, so maybe people will take it more seriously."

Other students disagree with the new election style, arguing that it's much easier to cast their vote from the comfort of their dorm rooms. "I check my e-mail at least twice a day," Robert Jameson, a first-year criminal justice student said, "so I'll be online during those voting hours. I could just send my picks in over the net. I just think more kids would do it [be involved] if they could send it in."

Whatever the case may be, Mansfield University students should feel a responsibility during election. After all, the Student Government Association will represent the students' interests and opinions and speak on their behalf. So instead of worrying where to go to cast your vote, maybe it's better to remember that this is a privilege, and the system itself cannot exist without our votes.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MANSFIELD.EDU  
Students are getting different opportunities to vote for student government.

## Men for Progress gives insight as to what goes on inside a man's mind

By ANINE STANLEY

Flashlight News Writer

The Mansfield university organization Men for progress hosted an open forum discussing what goes on in the minds of most men on Tuesday March 17 in alumni hall.

Men for progress held the forum, trying to help women in their pursuit of finding the right man for them.

The four topics that were discussed were; Why do men cheat? Why don't males like to express themselves in relationships like females? What is so wrong about interracial relationships: Why do black women hate to see a black man with a white woman? And why are there so many double standards and what are they? Between all of the topics, many counter questions and issues were brought up which made the conversation very interesting.

As a male participant on the forum Troy Godinet expressed his opinions. "I really feel as if the forum was something that could be beneficial to women in the future. Everybody on the board brought a different perspective on the situations, but all of them kept it as real as possible. Hopefully the ladies that came to the forum learned how a male may think or view situations." Godinet said. There were many people who agreed with Godinet

about the forum.

"This event offered a lot of opinions on the way men think and how women feel. I applaud Men for Progress for putting the event together," Monte Alexander said. "I think many people left with a better understanding of how men think and women feel. They also left with many unanswered questions, so other event like this should take place for both genders to truly understand each other." Alexander was one of the students who attended this forum to see what they could learn and to express their own feelings about what they think goes on inside of a man's mind.

Student Jeanette Meacham also believed that the forum was interesting, "I think it was a great concept and idea, but there was no organization. I think they should do another one, but have the topics of discussion picked already and let everyone on the panel say something about it before giving it to the audience," Meacham said.

With the responses of some of the students in attendance, this should give Men for Progress an idea to hold another forum like this one.

Men on Mansfield's campus interested in Men for Progress can join them at their meeting time Friday's at 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall room 314.

## Students get many opportunities with The Harrisburg Internship Semester

Amanda Chunko, a junior political science major, is representing Mansfield University in Harrisburg this semester. She is one intern chosen from each of the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities to participate in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) internship program.

Chunko is interning at the Pennsylvania Department of State under the sponsorship of Anita Shekletski, Senior Prosecutor. Chunko is assigned to the Prosecution Division of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs within the Department of State. The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs is one of five bureaus under the Pennsylvania Department of State. The Bureau works closely with the 27 licensing boards in Pennsylvania to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth from unethical or negligent licensed professionals.

Chunko works with prosecuting attorneys to review complaints regarding licensed professionals and determine if formal charges should be taken against the professional's license. She frequently

attends hearings and has participated in an investigation with the Bureau of Enforcement and Investigations.

Chunko has met the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Pedro A. Cortes, and was introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives by Keith R. McCall, Speaker of the House of Representatives. She has also met with the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, Todd A. Eechus, as well as several other Senators and Representatives.

Chunko is currently working on a final research project on Pennsylvania's newly revised "Right to Know Law" that took effect Jan. 1, 2009. The purpose of the law is to create greater transparency within Pennsylvania's state government and is already having a great impact on state agencies.

THIS internship programs began in 1989 and have given students of any academic major the opportunity to intern in a variety of state agencies. The internship is a 15 credit, semester-long program sponsored by PASSHE. It allows students to gain professional experience while working in a state agency.

Internship placements are determined by the student's academic major, as well as individual interest. Interns also attend a weekly seminar and complete a research project on a public policy topic as part

of the internship requirements. For more information about the internship program, visit the THIS web page at: <http://www.passhe.edu/this>.



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Chunko was chosen to represent Mansfield University in The Harrisburg Internship Semester. She has had the opportunity to meet with members of Pennsylvania's Department of State.



# horoscopes

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**ARIES****March 21-April 19**

You're not very productive right now and it's not just spring fever! You need to relax a little in preparation for the burst of great energy that is coming up soon. Take the day off if you can.

**TAURUS****April 20-May 20**

You're not in the best mental place for solo activities, so spend more time with friends and family. A date would be just about right, but even a quiet evening at home watching TV would suit you.

**GEMINI****May 21-June 21**

You usually embrace multiple activities, as keeping busy is good medicine for you. Today, though, you just want peace and quiet, but you have to keep dealing with multiple irritations.

**CANCER****June 22-July 22**

See if you can get yourself to sit still long enough to really plow through that one thorny problem that has been deviling you lately. You've got more energy than you realize and should find some satisfying solution.

**LEO****July 23-August 22**

You're feeling a little tense today, but there's no good reason for it. See if you can just chill out and spend some time on your own -- you need to rest for a bit before getting back in the game.

**VIRGO****August 23-September 22**

If you can stand an unproductive day, you should be just fine right now. It's a great time for you to deal with people as they really are, not as you want them to be and that could mean slowing down somewhat.

**LIBRA****September 23-October 22**

If you're expecting progress today, you need to prepare for a bit of disappointment. See if you can get yourself to accept that a bit of a slowdown is vital before real progress can be made.

**SCORPIO****October 23 - November 21**

You've got raw power running through you now and should be able to get people to see that more is possible than they understand quite yet. It's not magic, but it's close -- so make a big deal out of it!

**SAGITTARIUS****November 22-December 21**

Your thoughtful side is fully engaged today and you ought to be able to get yourself wrapped up in something really chewy and interesting. You're feeling a bit slow physically, so that's all good.

**CAPRICORN****December 22-January 19**

You are more naturally in tune with the world's music today, though it may carry you far afield from your usual tastes. Explore and enjoy what you find -- you may hit on your next big obsession!

**AQUARIUS****January 20-February 18**

Why are you doing whatever you're doing today? That might seem like a simple question, but you've actually got more to think about than usual when you're doing so -- things are different now.

**PISCES****February 19-March 20**

Let yourself feel the full force of your spiritual energy today, even if you're supposed to be working or paying bills. Sometimes more important things have to elbow the mundane out of the way.

## Environmental Facts of the Week

1. Rainforests are being cut down at the rate of 100 acres per minute.
2. You can walk one mile along an average highway in the United States and see about 1,457 pieces of litter.
3. The Washington, DC based Institute For Local Self-Reliance calculates that recycling creates 36 jobs per 10,000 tons of material recycled compared to six jobs for every 10,000 of tons brought to traditional disposal facilities. (6 times higher employment!)
4. There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminum can can be recycled

The above facts were taken directly from the Student Environmental Advisory Council of North Dakota State University. Visit their web site at [http://www.seac150m.com/fun\\_facts.html](http://www.seac150m.com/fun_facts.html)

## This day in history: March 26, 1920

"This Side of Paradise" is published, launching 23-year-old F. Scott Fitzgerald to fame and fortune.

Fitzgerald, named for his ancestor Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, to a once well-to-do family that had descended in wealth and influence. With the funding of an aunt, Fitzgerald was sent to boarding school in New Jersey in 1911 and attended Princeton University two years later. Although Fitzgerald engaged actively in theater, arts and other campus activity, his financial background was considerably poorer than those of his classmates, and his outsider status, whether real or imaginary, left a sting. He left Princeton after three years and joined the army during World War I.

While in the military, he was stationed in Montgomery, Alabama, where he developed a romance with the privileged, pampered Zelda Sayre, daughter of a State Supreme Court justice. Like the heroine of "The Great Gatsby," she rejected the young man, fearing he would not be able to support her, and like Gatsby, Fitzgerald vowed to win her back. He moved to New York, rewrote a novel about Princeton he had started in college and promptly became the youngest author ever published by Scribner's. His fame and fortune secure, he convinced Zelda to marry him, and the two began a whirlwind life of glamorous parties and extravagant living in New York.

Unfortunately, the Fitzgeralds lived far beyond their means and soon found themselves deeply in debt. They moved to Europe, hoping to cut back on expenses, where they befriended other expatriate writers, including Ernest Hemingway and Gertrude Stein. While in Europe, Fitzgerald finished his masterpiece "The Great Gatsby."

Unfortunately, the Fitzgeralds failed to cut back on their extravagant ways. Fitzgerald plunged into alcoholism, and his wife became increasingly unstable. In 1930, she suffered the first of several breakdowns and was institutionalized. She spent the rest of her life in a sanitarium. In 1937, Fitzgerald moved to Hollywood to try screenwriting. He fell in love with a Hollywood gossip columnist, stopped drinking and began renewed literary efforts, but died of a heart attack in 1940, at the age of 44. - *Courtesy of History.com*



# Professor Profile: Dr. Jannis Floyd creates a lifestyle of teaching

By TRISHA PHILLIP  
Flashlight Writer

"The greatest features about the [Mansfield University] education department would be two things, the faculty and staff and the students," Dr. Jannis Floyd said.

Floyd is a professor of education and special education and has been working for Mansfield University for 15 years. She attended Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem North Carolina, where she received a bachelor's degree.

After graduating from Wake Forest University, Floyd attended East Carolina University in Greenville, NC for her masters of education. She later attended the State University of Appalachian in Boone, NC for her masters, and also attended Virginia Tech for her doctorate of education. "I like school," Floyd said.

Working for Mansfield University has not been her only job. She served as a

special education teacher for 12 years. After she completed college she had a couple short term jobs. "I think I have always wanted to teach. I enjoyed teaching elementary and middle school-aged students and sometimes I miss them but I have found teaching at the university level very rewarding," Floyd said.

Floyd has her reasons for staying at Mansfield University as long as she has. "The students here at the campus and those I meet in the public schools have kept me in Mansfield for 15 years," Floyd said.

She is both an aunt and godmother. During her free time she likes to travel and has a hobby of crafting. "I'm a crafter, not very good, but I enjoy trying new crafts and techniques," Floyd said.

Floyd says that the education department keeps her busy. "There is always something interesting happening in the education department. We are in the middle of program revisions to meet the new Pennsylvania

Department of Education Certification changes. An open house is being planned on April 18th for undeclared students and our alumni. I am once again preparing to take education majors to Philadelphia, for two weeks, to observe professional development workshops and a few cultural field trips. The department is also preparing to host our first Frederick Douglass Scholar in Summer Session II," Floyd said.

Students at Mansfield University are preparing to finish the semester. Some students will be graduating and beginning their careers, while others may just be starting. Floyd is someone who has gone to school for years and knows that life can be stressful. Her advice to Mansfield University students comes from a paraphrased quote from a Clint Eastwood movie: "Plan, adapt and overcome."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. JANNIS FLOYD  
Dr. Floyd has been part of the Mansfield University Education Department for the last 15 years.

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**Tell students what to check out and where to go in the area!**

## SAO bus trips take Mansfield University students to the city of Baltimore and beyond



PHOTO BY DAVID SARGAENT  
The Hard Rock Cafe was just one of the sites students took in while in Baltimore. They also attended Inner Harbor Aquarium.

By DAVID SARGAENT  
Special to the Flashlight

The Student Affairs Organization (SAO) of Mansfield University sponsored a bus trip to Baltimore Inner Harbor on Saturday, March 21.

The SAO of Mansfield organized a bus trip to Baltimore to see the Inner Harbor and the dolphin show. More than 90 people on two buses made the trip from Mansfield to Baltimore in four and a half hours.

Once the buses arrived at the Inner Harbor Aquarium, tickets were handed out to the 11:30 a.m. dolphin show, which everyone attended.

Some students enjoyed the shows the aquarium

had to offer. Jill Ellison is once such student. "The dolphin show and other exhibits at the aquarium were fun and interesting. I really enjoyed the dolphin show, especially the interaction between the dolphins and the trainers," Ellison said.

Other students didn't enjoy the close quarters the aquarium seating provided, such as communications student Kimberlee Blocker.

"The aquarium was too crowded and hot, but it was beautiful at the same time," Blocker said.

After the dolphin show, the students and guests were free to go off and visit whatever they wished. Most people stayed in the general vicinity of the Inner Harbor and shopped at the multitude of stores, shops and places to eat.

Some had to wait to have a good time. "My boyfriend forgot his wallet in the car back in Mansfield and had to have some money wired to him by his parents. After he walked 45 blocks to a Western Union to get his money, and came back to me, we then had a good time. I waited at a McDonalds close to the aquarium while he walked to find the Western Union," Ellison said.

The bus picked up everyone back at the Aquarium at 6:30 p.m. for the trip back to Mansfield. The buses were back in Mansfield by 11:30 p.m.

"It was a good experience and I enjoyed the Great Blacks and Wax Museum," said Blocker.

The next SAO bus trip is scheduled for this weekend and will take students to New York City. There are no more open seats for the New York City trip, but students interested in future bus trips should contact Barb Morgan in the Student Activities Office at 570-662-4980.



# "In A Perfect World" blends the perfect combination of love, lust and club tracks

By MONTE ALEXANDER

Flashlight Features Writer

"In A Perfect World," Keri Hilson would already be a household name; however with the release of her long-awaited debut album it won't be long before she is.

Keri Hilson's music career began back in 2001, as a featured vocalist on Xzibit's single "Hey Now (Mean Muggin')." Yet it was not until she reappeared alongside Timbaland on the #1 single, "The Way I Are" in 2006 that the public began to take notice.

A noted songwriter, Hilson has written for music's biggest names including Usher's "Love In This Club, Part II," Britney Spears' "Gimme More," Mary J. Blige's "Take Me As I Am," Omarion's "Ice Box" and The Pussycat Dolls' "Wait A Minute," to name a few.

Hilson's debut features production from Timbaland and Polow Da Don. Both serve as the album's executive producers, as well as additional production from Nathaniel "Danja" Hills and The Runaways. With guest appearances from Akon, Lil' Wayne, Keyshia Cole, Trina, Kanye West and

Ne-Yo, the Atlanta native holds nothing back in delivering what could be the best contemporary R&B album of 2009.

On the album's intro, Hilson makes it clear she is coming for the number one spot and isn't taking any prisoners. The album's opening track and second single, "Turnin' Me On" featuring Lil' Wayne, proves to be just a preview of what the 26-year-old has up her sleeves. Obviously, fans have been "turned on" as the single has reached the top 20 on Billboard's Hot 100 Singles and #1 on the Mainstream Hip Hop/R&B Singles charts respectively. The track was recently named "Best Spring Break Female Song" in the April 2009 issue of "Blender Magazine," beating out artists such as Britney Spears, Ciara, Lady GaGa and Kelly Clarkson.

"Get Your Money Up" features fellow R&B songstress Keyshia Cole and rapper Trina. Hilson offers another potential hit for the clubs. "If you think you impressin' us/With your ice and dubs/ Poppin' bottles in the club/Get your money up" sings a confident Hilson, telling men to impress her with more than the status quo. The track is

sure to make the ladies dance and have the guys, well..."get their money up."

"Didn't see it comin'/Wasn't on purpose/Baby I promise/ Didn't mean to hurt you/ Will you forgive me/ You don't deserve this" sings a regretful and vulnerable Hilson on "Tell Him The Truth." The track finds the singer/songwriter in a position of revealing a potentially hurtful truth to her significant other.

Keri Hilson's debut album, "In A Perfect World" delivers on all levels, encompassing a mixture of mid and up-tempo tracks as well as something for the club and the bedroom. With upcoming new releases from other R&B artists male and female alike, Hilson's "In A Perfect World" feels like a breath of fresh air from the monotony that has become R&B music.

Hilson has made the transition from songwriter to artist, quite possibly better than fellow singer/songwriter Ne-Yo. Only time will tell if her success is greater or equally matched. After numerous delays, "In A Perfect World" is in stores now.



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In promotion of her debut album, Hilson is completing a number of in-store signings including this Thursday in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Vampire romance "Twilight" smashes DVD sales records

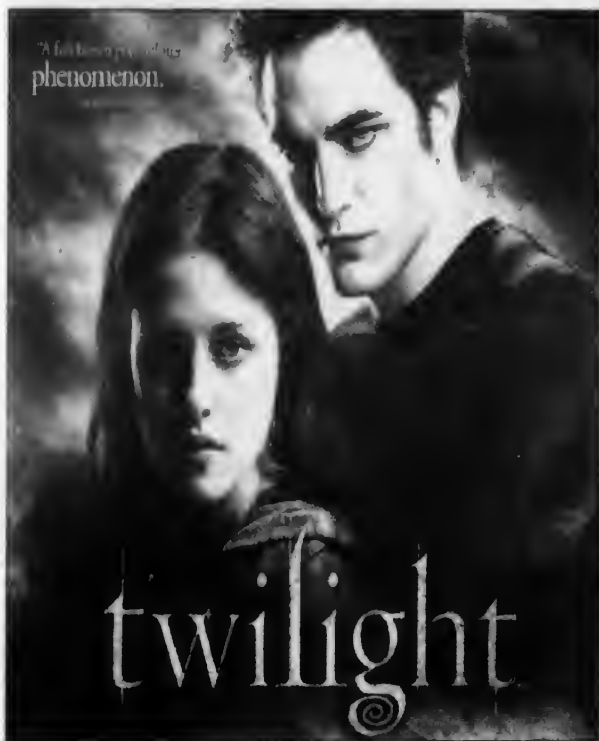


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The DVD was released in two version, single disc and two disc special edition, with bonus features like the making of the film and deleted scenes.

By KAY BARRETT

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Bite me! That's what girls all over the globe were saying last November when Summit Entertainment's "Twilight" premiered on the big screen.

Released on DVD last Saturday, March 17 at midnight, the vampire romance once again caused pandemonium. According to foxbusiness.com, thousands of "Twilighters" or "Twilight" fans participated in a nationwide midnight release party for the film, entitled "Twilight at Midnight." In Salt Lake City alone, an estimated

2,500 fans came out to the release party and were surprised by the appearance of Rachelle Lefevre, who plays the evil vampire Victoria in the film. Stars of the film popped up at release parties all across the country adding to the fan frenzy.

By Saturday night, Summit Entertainment announced that the film had sold over three million copies of the DVD.

Foxbusiness.com reported that the "Twilight" DVD sales pushed the film into the top highest grossing first day DVD sales.

Summit's President of Home Entertainment, Steve Nickerson, expressed thankfulness to "Twilight" fans who have been supporting the franchise.

"We are incredibly appreciative that 'Twilight' fans came out to once again support this film at our midnight events across the nation," Nickerson said. "With such a successful first day sales, it is apparent that our fans remain passionate about the 'Twilight Saga' and want to own a piece of the Edward and Bella story they have come to love. We look forward to the continued success for both the home entertainment and retail sales of this property as a whole."

"Twilight" tells the story of a girl named Bella Swan who relocates from sunny Phoenix, Arizona to rainy Forks, Washington, where she falls in love with a boy named Edward Cullen. Edward and his family turn out to be vampires and things get more complicated from there.

Actress Kristen Stewart and actor Robert Pattinson, along with the rest of the "Twilight" cast, are currently shooting the second film in the series "New Moon," which is set to be released late 2009.

## Michelle Obama to be honored at fashion gala

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER

Flashlight Fashion Writer

Regardless of if you like her or not, First Lady Michelle Obama is the "it" woman of the fashion world.

According to MSNBC.com, Michelle Obama was honored by The Council of Fashion Designers of America announced last Monday. The group will honor the First Lady with a special tribute from the group's board of directors at its annual awards gala that takes place in June.

"We wanted to acknowledge her in a serious way for her commitment to American fashion," said CFDA president Steven Kolb. On top of the festivities, a grant will be established in her name to help a young fashion company.

Three designers that Michelle Obama has worn, Narciso Rodriguez, Jason Wu (who designed the inaugural ball gown) and Thakoon Panichgul, have received nominations from The Council of Fashion Designers in America.

Narciso Rodriguez will join Marc Jacobs as the nominees for this year's women's wear designer of the year. Jason Wu, Thakoon Panichgul and Alexander Wang are all up for the Swarovski Award for emerging talent in women's fashion.

Marc Jacobs, who is known by many as one of the fashion industry's favorites, will be nominated yet again in accessory design and as the winner of the international designer award for his work with Louis Vuitton.



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The First Lady has worn designers as well-known as J.Crew to little knowns like Jason Wu.

"He's a pioneer as an American in Europe," Kolb said.

Fashion designer Anna Sui is set to receive the lifetime achievement award named for the late Geoffrey Beene.

Also, the next setting for Fashion Week has been determined. The ceremony will be held at the Lincoln Center in New York, not the New York Public Library where it was originally scheduled to have been held. The First Lady was said to have received an invitation to partake in the festivities, but Kolb is unsure if she will be able to attend.

"We'll do whatever we can to get her here, but the award isn't about getting her to come," he said.



# Director Selick still stuns with animated film "Coraline"

By BRANDON HABERKOST  
Flashlight Writer

The animated film "Coraline," which debuted on Feb. 6, is a fanciful stop motion film from director Henry Selick, director of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "James and the Giant Peach."

The film begins as a young girl named Coraline moves with her parents into an old Victorian style triplex. She then meets a young boy by the name of Wybie, short for "Why were you born," who is the grandson of a previous tenant of the house.

Things start to get hairy when Coraline is given a doll with a striking likeness to her. Late at night, she finds her way through an old crawlspace to find a world that mirrors her own. In this world, everything seems to be the way Coraline desires her own world to be, except for the fact that her parents have black buttons in place of their eyes.

Besides a few rather predictable plot

twists, not to be disclosed in this review, "Coraline" has a story that's easy to follow by children, yet remains exciting enough to entertain adults. Each of the characters in the film appeal to a person's emotions in one regard or another.

The animation, characteristic of Selick, is just as up to par with his other stop animation works and is as fluid and organic as reality. It's easy to forget throughout the film that the characters are animated frame by frame. The objects used by the characters, such as laptop computers and Volkswagen Beetles look almost identical to their real-world counterparts.

Visually, the film is breathtaking, with dazzling light shows, complex computer generated effects and strikingly beautiful synchronized sequences. It uses a select spectrum of color, and each scene uses its limited color palette to its advantage, especially when Selick uses colors from the

extreme ends of the spectrum to display objects with enhanced intensity.

However, some of the plot advances were a little too predictable, as the film didn't keep the viewer guessing about much of anything. Foreshadowing was intensively used, and seemed as blunt as a smack in the face whenever it appeared.

The frame rate seemed to drop to about half-speed for brief periods throughout the film, which was obviously not intentional, however cannot slip by without being noticed.

The lack of surprise and the drops in frame rate barely take anything away from the way the film sucks the viewer into its surreal, artificial world. Overall, the film is a spectacle worthy of being called a work of art as well as a stop motion masterpiece. The film is easily worth seeing on the big screen multiple times.



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Based on the book by Neil Gaiman, "Coraline" features the voices of well-known stars like Dakota Fanning as the voice of Coraline and Teri Hatcher as Mother and Other Mother.

## Despite predictability, "Taken" still shines as an action thriller

By NICK ABEL  
Flashlight Writer

When an action movie hits theaters, the plot is usually predictable: lots of gunplay, car chases and over-the-top explosions. Each of those elements exist in the film "Taken," but the stereotypes survive thanks to leading man Liam Neeson.

Neeson stars as Bryan Mills, a former secret agent who gives up a life of danger to spend more time with his teenage daughter. Mills calls himself a "preventer," someone who stops impending threats or attacks before they happen. Since leaving his career behind, he has assumed the role of an overprotective father, a role that his daughter Kim strongly resists.

Mills' worrisome ways are pushed to the limit when Kim leaves for a Paris vacation. Despite his objections and cautionary warnings, Mills puts his trust in his daughter and sees her off. But when Kim is abducted by a human trafficking organization, Mills must revive his former skills to track her down and bring her home.

At this point in most action flicks, the avenging protagonist would go on a ruthless shooting gallery, destroying anything and everything in his way. "Taken" follows the same basic road, but manages to branch off onto a stronger emotional and psychological path.

Neeson brings unusual depth to his character, making the audience feel his dread and fear at the loss of his only child. The viewer is drawn into the film through his desperation, believing that his own livelihood hinges upon the return of Kim. Of course there are shoot-outs and fight scenes, but unlike other films in this genre, they don't act as a distraction or filler.

Like those other movies, "Taken" moves quickly through each scene and moment, leaving the viewer



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Irishman Liam Neeson is best known for his role in such films as "Schindler's List" and "Kinsey."

with little time to get comfortable. Mills makes his way across the City of Lights like a bloodhound tracking down a scent, determined to find Kim at any cost. Along the way he learns how much he truly cares for her, what kind of father he really is and that even trusted friends are capable of betrayal.

Despite the use of typecast characters and a mind-numbingly predictable plot, "Taken" emerges as an emotionally-charged thriller; a story of devotion and perseverance.

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## Unload your winter clothes



Spring is now here and those wool coats and fuzzy boots are no longer necessary. Time to bring out the spring clothes, lighter and more colorful. Clear out your closet. Put the winter clothes away and while looking through your spring clothes, decide if there are any you could live without. Don't keep clothes you don't wear or clothes that no longer fit. Minimize your wardrobe by donating to places like The Goodwill. Rewash clothing that may have been locked away for a long period of time.



## Wash your



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1. If you haven't used it in the last 12 months, throw it away! Don't keep things you don't need.





# Destroy those dust bunnies

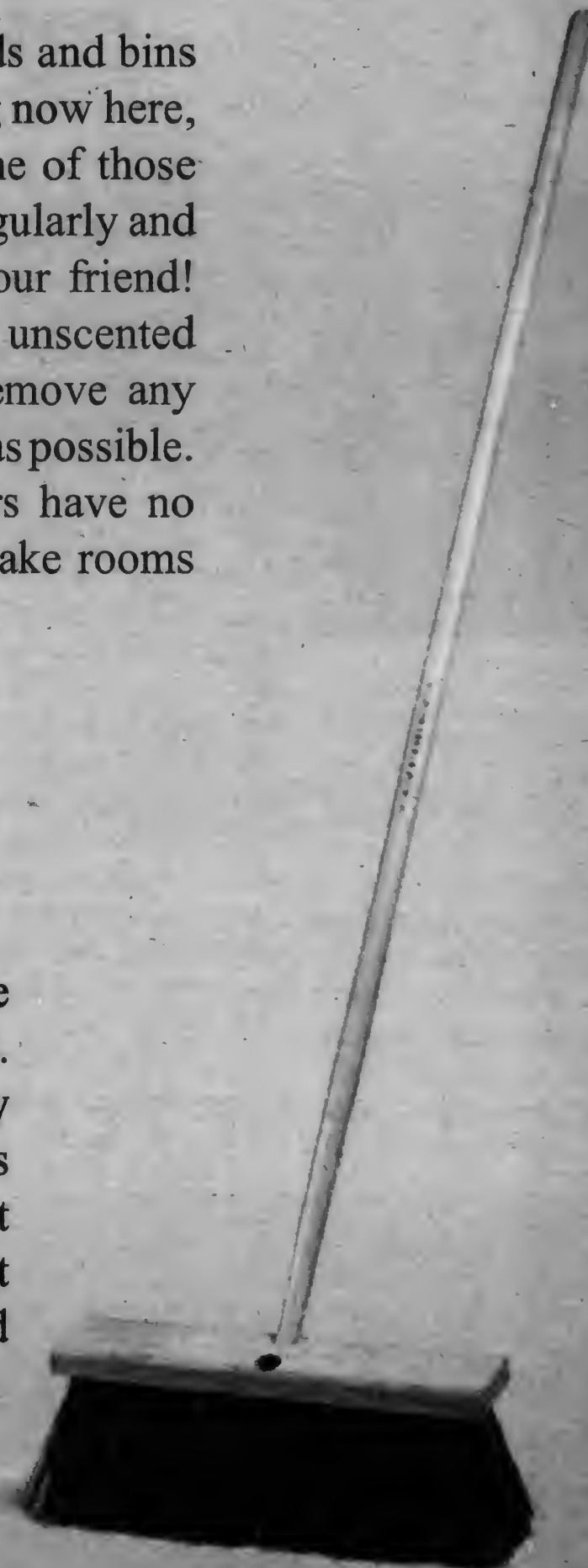


Dorm rooms are small, but those desks, beds and bins can hide some big dust bunnies. With spring now here, allergies become a problem. Eliminate some of those allergens by clearing out corners, dusting regularly and possibly using an air purifier. Swiffer is your friend! If chemical smells irritate your senses, use unscented products and hypo-allergenic products. Remove any food-like products from the garbage as soon as possible. Ants, fruit flies and other creepy crawlers have no place in a dorm room. Garbage can also make rooms smelly and unwelcoming.

## Wash all of your bedding



Clean sheets are a must every week, but don't neglect the rest of your bedding! Wash your comforter and your pillows. Skin cells, sweat and any other grime can rub off your body and onto your bedding. Those little microbes can clog pores and can even cause sickness. Keeping your bedding clean not only keeps you healthier, but your bed accessories will last longer. Plus, you will sleep better on your clean sheets and germ free pillow.



## Tips from Our Copyediting Neat Freak Jenelle

1. Clean out your room every week. Don't keep clutter. If you don't use it, get rid of it.
2. Have a day every week or every other week set aside to clean. That way you'll know when to tidy up.
3. Clean out clothes, magazines and desk drawers every few months. Don't be a pack-rat; you'll only have more things to clean out later.

# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

*Skipping events, skipping class...what do students do with their time?*



My wonderful roommate Trevor and I think that you should be more active on campus, even if it requires donning crazy 80s attire or a mullet wig.

Hello? Mansfield students? Are you out there? Anyone? Bueller?

I've become increasingly frustrated with student response, or more accurately, lack thereof around campus. If you flip through the *Flashlight* on any given week, you'll undoubtedly see ads

and boxes on almost every page soliciting reader feedback. These aren't plastered across our publication for our health. We want you to let us know what you think.

Tell us that you loved the center last week because St. Patrick's Day is your favorite holiday. Tell us that you want to hear more about the sports over spring break. Tell us the editorials put you to sleep each week. (I was particularly disappointed that I didn't get a single e-mail of support or concern after my editorial last week reported that \$100,000 a year of student activity fees might be diverted to the construction of a movie theatre.) Tell us that you think the comics are too racy. It doesn't matter what the letters say

— you just have to send them. (We only request that you send us e-mails with names. Although we can withhold names by request when we print, we don't even consider anonymous submissions. Sorry!)

Student apathy is a problem that is bigger than just a lack of letters to the editor though. Looking around at the student organizations, there is a small group of students who seem to be involved in everything. Where is the rest of the student body? I have been writing for the *Flashlight* and covering events for the majority of my Mansfield career. It's sad that the most common quotes I put in stories are from disappointed organizers who wish that more students had attended. (And no, going to late night at Kelchner drunk, just to get the pizza, does not count as attending an event on campus).

We have a ton of clubs and organizations on campus that any student can join. If there isn't a club that suits your exact interest, then start one of your own. If you have a passion, then share it with the campus.

The problem is not just with organizational events on campus either. As a student-athlete (albeit a retired one) the attendance to all sporting events could use a huge boost. Sure, we can pack the house when the men's bas-

ketball team is fighting for a play-off spot, but where is that same audience when the women's hoop squad plays? Where are the packed stands at our home swim meets watching Tricia Learn break every school record? (I'm not even going to get started on the inequality in attendance between women's and men's athletics.)

Watching the World Baseball Classic this week, my roommate (who can be seen in the cowboy hat in this week's picture) made an interesting observation. While watching the final game between Japan and Korea, he commented that all of the fans for both teams were completely insane the whole game, not just an isolated hardcore group. He said the only time Americans act like that is when they're drunk. We laughed, but it's completely true. Is apathy the new American way? I certainly hope not.

My challenge is to see a more motivated Mansfield campus for the last month of the semester. Go to the events on campus and show pride in your university. Get involved and voice your opinions. You can have a huge impact on what happens around here. You can start by voting for the next SGA president today. I want to see tomorrow's leaders getting excited about what's happening today.

## What do YOU think? Voice your opinion!

Tell us your thoughts on *The Flashlight*. What would you like to see?

Letters to the Editor are accepted and encouraged.

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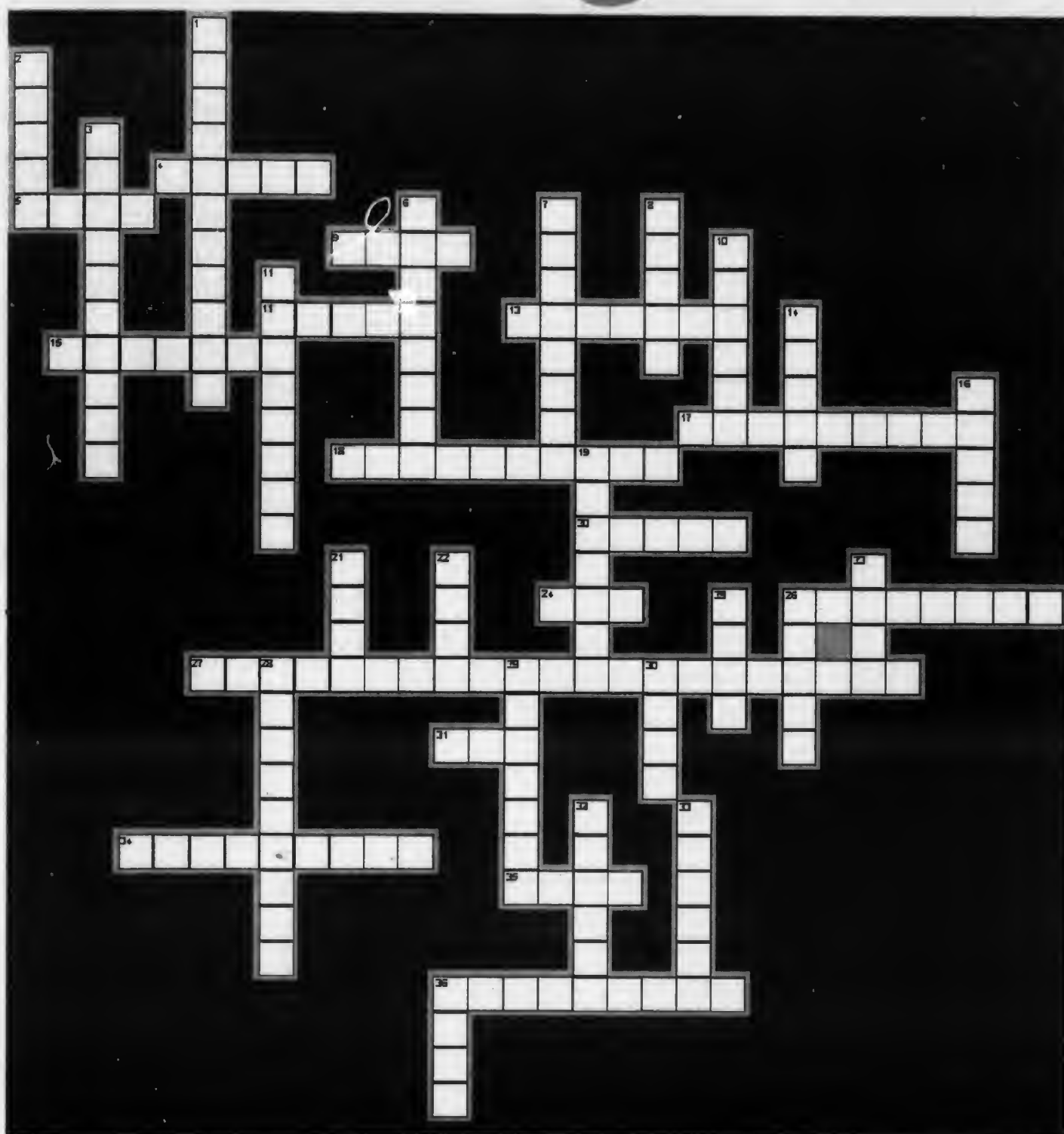
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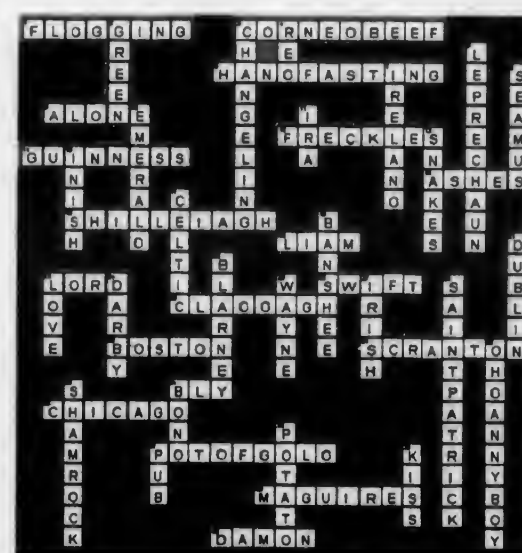
4. ABC Family show about sororities and fraternities.
5. NBC comedy "My name is \_\_\_\_\_."
9. "Lois & Clark" star Dean \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Spin-off of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."
13. Ross and Rachel broke-up and made-up on this show.
15. Laverne and Shirley are employed at one.
17. Last name of actress Christina of "Samantha Who?"
18. "Supernatural" brothers, Sam and Dean \_\_\_\_\_.

20. TLC's "Jon & Kate Plus \_\_\_\_\_."
24. TV network home to "The Simpsons."
26. "The show about nothing."
27. Sarah Michelle Geller's Sci-Fi TV show.
31. Acronym for late night Saturday sketch show.
34. Show that featured "The Fonz."
35. Son of Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show"
36. 90s TGIF show about a family of prehistoric creatures.

## Down

1. "Save the \_\_\_\_\_, save the world."
2. Show in which Hugh Laurie plays an unconventional, sarcastic doctor.
3. A&E show with Penn State ghost hunters "\_\_\_\_\_ State."
6. "...the Professor and Mary-Ann, here on \_\_\_\_\_'s Island."
7. HBO series about Italian mob.
8. Mike Myers SNL sketch that turned into two feature length films "\_\_\_\_\_ 's World."
10. Blake Lively's CW show "\_\_\_\_\_ Girls."
11. Town in "The Andy Griffith Show."
14. Howie Mandel's nineties cartoon "Bobby's \_\_\_\_\_."
16. Fred Savage's 80s TV show "The Wonder \_\_\_\_\_."
19. E! show hosted by Joel McHale.
21. TV court show "Judge \_\_\_\_\_."
22. The color of Smurfs.
23. Jennifer Love-Hewitt's first major TV show "Party of \_\_\_\_\_."
25. ABC show about people trapped on an island after a plane crash.
26. First name of Cory's best friend on "Boy Meets World."
28. Animated show featuring characters Stewie, Lois, Peter, and Meg.
29. Nickelodeon sketch show that first featured Kenan and Kel.
30. Featuring characters Van, Cheyenne, Keira, and Barbara Jean.
32. TV bar "Where everybody knows your name..."
33. Jerry's eccentric neighbor on "Seinfeld."
36. Brothers Beau and Luke \_\_\_\_\_.

Solution to last week's puzzle:



# The Flashlight



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## How Well Do You Know...

## Hook

- Which three-time Oscar-winning director directed the film?
  - Martin Scorsese
  - Steven Spielberg
  - Woody Allen
  - Alfred Hitchcock
- What relatives of Peter does Hook kidnap?
  - his grandparents
  - his cousins
  - his children
  - his parents
- What does adult Peter do for a living?
  - tax consultant
  - insurance salesperson
  - doctor
  - lawyer
- Which character has replaced Peter as the leader of the lost boys?
  - Rufio
  - Mario
  - Marbles
  - Tinkerbell
- Which author was responsible for creating the original story of Peter Pan?
  - Beatrix Potter
  - J. M. Barrie
  - Dustin Hoffman
  - Robin Williams



answers: 1. b 2. c 3. d 4. a 5. b

## Watch your money at work

The Committee of Finance (COF) allocates and monitors funds collected from the student activity fee's that are used to promote the general academic, social and cultural welfare of the campus. COF is going to be regularly updating the Mansfield student body on where and what the student activity fees are being spent on so that students have more knowledge of what they fund. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact COF chairperson Beka Brown at [brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu) or COF secretary Kris Dumschat at [dumschatk17@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:dumschatk17@mounties.mansfield.edu).

The committee met last Thursday, March 19, and allocated funds for the following groups:

**Bass Fishing Club** was allocated \$88.00 for one-day fishing licenses that were purchased for an ice fishing clinic.

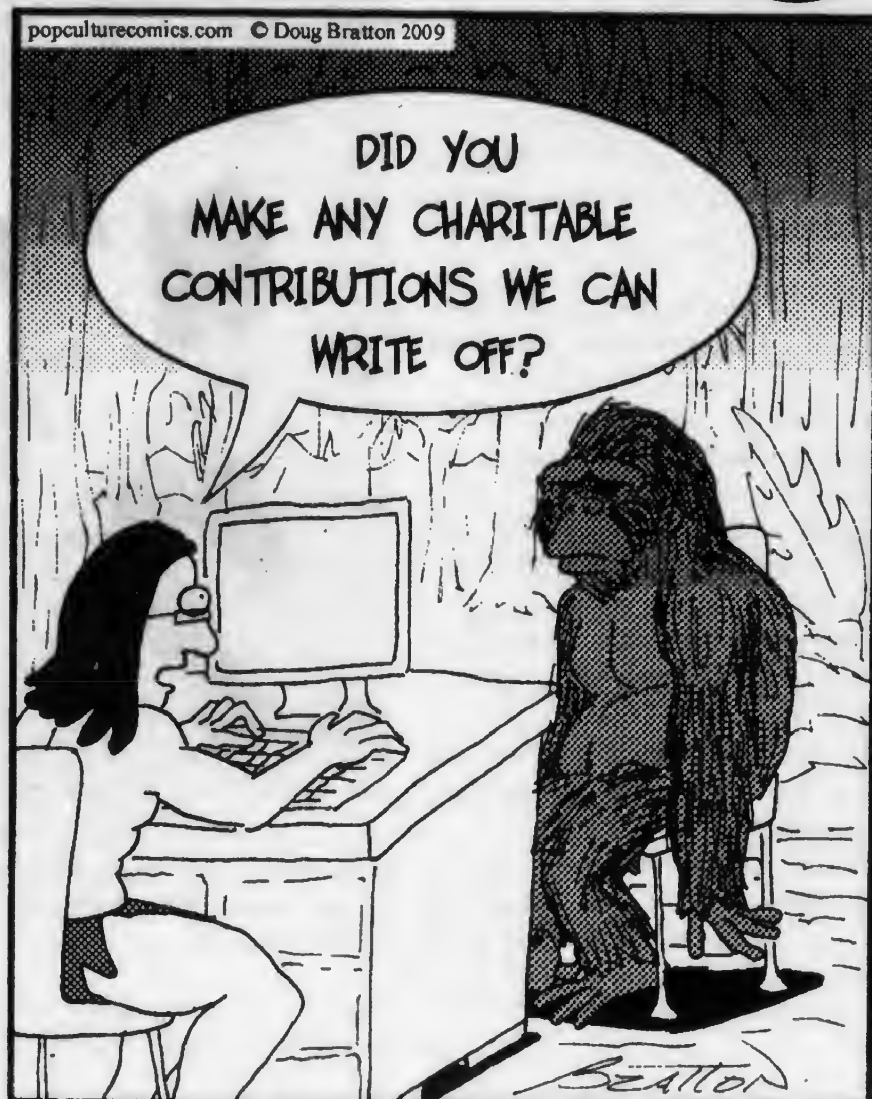
**Chess Club** was allocated \$80.00 for tournament regulation chess boards.

Remaining emergency account (as of 2/12/09): \$129,702.76

Remaining capital account (as of 2/12/09): \$79,800.33



# Flashlight Comics



Tarzan was not a C.P.A., but he was the only one around with hands that fit a standard keyboard, and thus made a killing during tax season.



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# On the Sidelines with Katie McConville: Swinging for the fences

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

"Just go for it."

Katie McConville, the senior co-captain and center fielder for the Mountaineer women's softball team, should have this saying scripted across her diploma when she graduates in May.

A few weeks ago, during the team's trip to Myrtle Beach, SC for the Fast Pitch Classic, McConville smashed out three home runs against Mt. Aloysius College and Thiel College. Her new "go out and take it" philosophy can be noticed when comparing her aggressive hitting this season to her statistics from 2008. While she may have only started in nine games last year, recording seven hits and five runs, she has already proven that 2009 will be different. With a new position and a new outlook, she aims to make her senior year memorable.

McConville has been a role model for the six freshmen that made the roster this season. The four-year veteran has shown how passion and a positive attitude produce wins, no matter what the playing field. Throughout her life, she has been a successful athlete in sports ranging from soccer and basketball to gymnastics and figure skating. She's a Mansfield University Presidential Scholar Athlete and she exudes a dedicated and appreciative attitude when going after any goal.

After speaking with her, I have to agree that her fervor for the game and optimism in life are the foundations for her success. It was apparent when she met with me to do this last minute interview.

**Nicole Hagan:** How long have you been playing softball?

**Katie McConville:** Technically, 10 years, but I played baseball for four years before that.

**NH:** Did you play any other sports growing up?

**KM:** I played tons of sports; soccer, basketball, gymnastics, skiing and figure skating.

**NH:** Why did you choose to stick with softball instead of soccer or basketball?

**KM:** I played soccer, basketball and softball all the way through school, but it was always my dream and goal to play collegiate softball.

**NH:** How did you first get into softball?

**KM:** I first started playing t-ball when I was about six years old. My mom started the local little league program where I grew up, so it only made sense for me to play.

**NH:** Why did you come to Mansfield University? Did the softball team affect your decision to come here?

**KM:** I definitely came to Mansfield to play softball. Coach Edith Gallagher offered me a partial athletic scholarship and I couldn't pass up the opportunity.

**NH:** What are some things that you worked

on, personally, to get ready for the '09 season?

**KM:** This past fall I worked on being in good physical condition. As a team, we worked out and lifted weights to become faster and stronger athletes overall.

**NH:** Tell me a little bit about the team's trip to Myrtle Beach and Francis Marion University. How do you feel the team played, overall, and why do you feel the team did well at Myrtle Beach, but not Francis Marion University?

**KM:** Overall, the trip to Myrtle Beach was a good trip, even though our first five games were rained out in North Carolina. We were forced to sit in the hotel and find fields to practice on. That was stressful because we were ready to play. Additionally, once we got to Myrtle Beach, it was freezing and miserable out. It actually flurried, which was crazy. We played in 35 degree weather, but we pulled together and pretended we were home in Mansfield – something we laughed about. We struggled a bit and lost some games when we moved on to Florence, SC though. It was frustrating. We made some mistakes and did not hit as well as we could have, but I'm not exactly sure what happened between Myrtle Beach and Francis Marion.

**NH:** What did you enjoy most about the trip?

**KM:** My favorite part about the trip was simply being able to play, because that's what we worked so hard to do. However, I also enjoyed hanging out with my teammates, getting to know them more, as individuals, and having some great laughs. It seemed like we were always laughing about something.

**NH:** You hit three home runs at Myrtle Beach. Why do you feel you hit so well during those games?

**KM:** My coaches pulled me off to the side one day and told me to stop over-thinking my game - to have fun and enjoy my senior year and just "go for it." So, that's what I did. I just got up to the plate and told myself to have fun. I was aggressive and went after the first pitches that I liked and it obviously worked because three of them went over the fence.

**NH:** What are some things that you and the team learned from the trip?

**KM:** We learned that we need to stick together through thick and thin, wins and losses and just support each other no matter what. When we do that, we do great things.

**NH:** Do you feel like the team is prepared for the PSAC season?

**KM:** I believe we are ready. While we are well aware of good ball clubs like Kutztown, but we know what we are capable of. Our physical skills are ready and if we go into the games mentally strong, Lock Haven and the rest of the PSAC won't know what hit them.

**NH:** How do you hope the team continues to progress and grow as the season advances and what are some things that you feel the team needs to work on?

**KM:** Like I said before, we have the physical talent and skill level, but I hope that my teammates realize how good they really are and have the confidence in themselves that our coaches have in us.

**NH:** In the first three seasons that you played softball at Mansfield, you played the infield. Why the change of position this season?

**KM:** As a freshman, I came in as an infielder and I played second base my sophomore year and third base my junior year. However, I have always wanted to play in the outfield and knew that the center field position was opening up this season. I spoke to my coaches about it and they agreed to give it a try in the fall. I didn't do too badly, so they decided to move me out there.

**NH:** Tell me about the team chemistry, considering that you lost seven seniors and picked up six freshmen.

**KM:** Our team chemistry has greatly improved. We lost a large senior class, but gained a big freshmen class filled with hard-working, funny girls. We have had a lot of fun so far and we enjoy being each others' teammates.

**NH:** What are some of your personal goals and what are some of the team's goals for this season?

**KM:** The team's goals are simple: have a winning record and make it to playoffs. My personal goals are to become a more aggressive hitter and be a good captain. I want to create an environment where everyone shows up everyday and works hard for each other.

**NH:** So far, what has been your most rewarding experience through college softball?

**KM:** Being able to work with exceptional athletes and play college softball, in general, has been an amazing experience. I don't think I could pick one particular moment.

**NH:** What motivates you to play softball?

**KM:** Two things motivate me: my overall love for the sport and my grandfather. It was his dream for me to play college softball, but he passed away two months before he could watch me play my first collegiate game. I play every game for him. He's been my biggest influence and role model. I work hard everyday for him in hopes that he's watching and that he's proud.

**NH:** How do you hope to be a role model as one of two team captains this season?

**KM:** Being team captain has provided some interesting challenges. Sometimes it's hard when the team looks to you to say something to fix things. It can be hard to find the right thing to say, because I don't have all the



PHOTO BY ADAM MURTLAND

Katie McConville switches to center field her senior season after playing for three years at first and third.

answers. However, I have tried to remain true to my philosophy of leaders: stay honest and respect all others

**NH:** What is your major and what are your plans for after graduation?

**KM:** I'm a mass communication major with an emphasis in public relations. I also have a minor in history. As for what I'm doing, that's a great questions! I don't have any specific plans yet, but I'm sure I'll be working somewhere doing something – loving the fact that I'll never have to do homework again!

**NH:** Explain to me what it's like to be a part of the softball team.

**KM:** It's great. I could not imagine the years without my teammates. I get to hang out with great girls almost everyday and we get to play our favorite sport all year long. It's been amazing and it breaks my heart that it's almost over. I owe so many great memories to my teammates, my friends and my coaches.

**NH:** What are some of the memories or achievements will you take with you when you leave Mansfield and the Mansfield softball team?

**KM:** To pick certain memories seems impossible. However, I will take with me the people I have met and the amazing and irreplaceable friendships I have made. The people are what have made Mansfield my home and when it's time for me to go, a small part of me will remain here at Mansfield University with the people I must leave behind in order to go out and live my life.



# Baseball team drops five to Kutztown and IUP after Hillson's 700 win

By DAVID VANLOON

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University baseball team gave head coach Harry Hillson his 700 career victory on March 18 before going 1-5 against Kutztown University and the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP).

With the win, Hillson became the third coach in Pennsylvania collegiate baseball history to reach 700. In his 23 season as Mansfield's head coach, he has made a habit of breaking records. Hillson is the only coach in school history to win 30 or more games in a single season - a task he has accomplished 13 times, including a 44-10 campaign in 1994. Hillson joins Temple University's James Wilson and Slippery Rock's Jeff Messer as the only three men in the PSAC to reach 700 wins.

Those in attendance of the historic win witnessed a slugfest against the Wilmington Wildcats that featured 40 hits and 27 runs, including nine in the final inning. The two teams used a combined nine pitchers during the game in an attempt to minimize the damage, but batters were aided by a strong wind blowing to straight away center field.

Justin Garcia was the starting pitcher for the Mountaineers, entering the game with a record of 0-4 and an earned run average (ERA) of 6.62. His statistics would not improve. Justin Garcia gave up three runs on a walk and four hits in the first inning, including a lead-off double. After allowing extra base hits in each of the next two innings, Justin Garcia was replaced by freshman Andy Young.

A. Young was handed the ball in the fourth inning with a 4-3 lead thanks to three Mountaineer runs in the second, and one more in the third when Cody Stinger plated a run with a sacrifice fly. A. Young was able to retire just one of the eight batters he faced, allowing six runs on a walk and five hits, including a grand slam home run. Fellow freshman Steve Tretter came in from the bullpen to record the next two outs and close the inning.

After holding Wilmington scoreless in the top of the fifth, Mansfield's offense sought to make up some distance. Designated hitter Nate Grove started the inning with a double to right center field, and was driven in when Stinger singled in the next at bat. First baseman Chris Coleman followed with a two-run home run and Tony Battisti added a long ball of his own to pull the Mounties within one.

Wilmington picked up an insurance run in the sixth and scored three more in the top of the seventh, leaving Mansfield down by five with half an inning to play.

Stinger set the tempo early in the seventh with a lead-off homer that got the fans back in the game. The Mountaineers continued the rally with three consecutive singles before Kevin Miller slapped a two run double to left field that pulled Mansfield within two runs.

Pinch-running for Battisti, the speedy Lance Ratchford scored on a wild pitch and

Miller moved to third to bring the tying run 90 feet from home. Mike Hartz doubled to tie the game at 13 and senior Chris Miller stepped to the plate with a chance to bring in the historic run. He lifted the ball to deep right center field and Wilmington's center fielder was unable to hold on to the ball. As the ball came in from the outfield, Hillson motioned for Hartz to round third base and the Mansfield veteran dove into home plate, dodging the swipe of the catcher. History was made.

C. Miller was glad to have played a role in reaching the 700 game mark. "He deserves it," C. Miller said. "He's been here forever and 700 is a pretty good milestone. Congratulations to him."

It was a win that will be remembered for a long time, and the comeback challenged the recent memory of Mansfield University's Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey. "Off-hand, I don't know if I've ever seen the team come from that far behind in the last inning," McCloskey said. "And I've seen a lot of games."

First baseman, Coleman went 3-4 on the day and finished just a triple shy of batting for the cycle. "I feel like I'm locked on, and it was great to be able to give Coach the win," Coleman said. "This was a big confidence booster. We've been struggling the last few of games, so this is huge."

Mansfield led Wilmington by a score of 2-1 in the nightcap before the game was called due to lightning, just a half inning shy of the official four and a half innings.

Despite the win, Mansfield's next four games against Kutztown March 20-21 brought the momentum to a halt. Kutztown pitching dominated as they swept Mansfield by a combined score of 19-4.

Chilly temperatures during Friday's pair of home games left the Mountaineer bats frozen as they dropped the first game 7-2 and the second 4-0. The Golden Bears received strong outings from left handed pitcher, Darin Gorski, and righty, Adam Maini.

Gorski started game one allowing only one run (unearned) on four hits through six innings, striking out seven Mountaineer batters and walking one. The win improved the hurler's record to a perfect 5-0 to open his junior season. "I just went out there trying to throw strikes, I've been trying to battle everyday to keep the team in the game, and it's been working out for me so far," Gorski said.

Mansfield countered with their own prized lefty, Eric Rosenberger, who ran into trouble early. Rosenberger labored in the 31 pitch inning, getting behind in the count against nearly every batter. Three more hits in the next inning brought two more Kutztown runs to the plate before catcher, Battisti, gunned down a base thief to end the threat.

The Mountaineers got one of those runs back in the second when designated hitter Grove reached base with a lead-off double. He advanced to third on a ground ball and scored on an error by the shortstop.

Kutztown picked up a run in both the fourth and fifth innings off Rosenberger, who remained on the mound for the entire seven innings giving up seven runs (four earned) on nine hits and three walks. Rosenberger's record dropped to 3-1.

On a day with only two runs and 10 hits over 14 innings, K. Miller, the sophomore outfielder, went 3-3 at the plate. "The first at-bat, Coach came up to me and told me to look at how far back the third baseman was, and I was able to lay down a bunt for a base hit," K. Miller said. "The two at-bats after that I looked for fastballs down the middle because they kept trying to get up in the count."

Gorski's outing was overshadowed by teammate, Adam Maini. Maini went the distance for Kutztown in game two, throwing a four hit shutout. It took just 91 pitches over the seven frames, including four strikeouts and three free passes. Maini improved his record to 4-0. "It's a great start for me, but it's a better start for the team," Maini said. "We're 6-0 in the PSAC, so we're doing very well. I'm proud of everybody."

Chris Zelko made a solid start, scattering seven and striking out four, but giving up four runs on the day.

Kutztown picked up a run in the second inning and another in the fourth, before a one-hit inning brought in two more runs in the fifth. Kutztown's Brett Wigder reached base after getting hit by a pitch, then promptly stole two bases to stand on third with one out. After a walk, a sacrifice bunt brought the runner home and an RBI single brought in the fourth run of the game.

Mansfield then traveled to Kutztown on Saturday where they lost 6-2 and 2-1.

Kutztown sent Ryan Cassidy and Trent Mertz to the mound. Cassidy (4-2), allowed just one unearned run over six innings in game one.

Mansfield's Irvin Sleighter picked up his first loss of the season and was relieved after pitching 3 1/3 innings and giving up five runs on seven hits and a pair of walks. Joe Will came into the game in the fourth to limit damage, and gave up a run over the final 2 2/3 innings.

In the nightcap, Kutztown received yet another strong outing in a 2-1 pitching duel to complete the sweep of Mansfield. Mertz squared off with Mansfield's Tyler Noel, who suffered his fifth loss of the season. Mertz gave up a run on five hits and a walk through six innings before yielding to Mike Bucklin, who recorded the final three outs for the save.

Noel allowed only two runs, surrendering eight hits, a walk and hitting three batters.

The sweep continues Kutztown's nine game winning streak, and starts their PSAC title defense run at a perfect 8-0. Mansfield dropped to 0-4 in conference play.

Mansfield then went on to split a double-header against IUP. After dropping game one 12-5, the team returned to their winning ways in the nightcap winning 12-5.



PHOTO BY ADAM MURLAND

Mike Hartz stole home to give Hillson his 700 victory in a come-from-behind win against Wilmington University.

After a weekend to forget, Mansfield's offense returned to form, stroking 12 hits in the lopsided victory. The Mountaineers scored early and often in the nightcap that allowed freshman, A. Young, to coast to victory.

A. Young allowed four runs (two earned) on four hits throughout four innings. Will took the ball for the final three innings, surrendering a run on three hits to record his first save of the season.

After being limited to 10 runs in the previous five games, Matt Young, C. Miller, and K. Miller all had multi-hit games in addition to eight other Mountaineers who had at least one hit on the day.

After five losses, Coach Hillson moved Miller to the one hole, dropping second baseman, M. Young to seventh in the batting order. The move showed immediate results and the offense started to click. M. Young was able to benefit from the move as well, going 2-3 on the day with a walk and three runs scored.

In game one, it was all IUP, scoring a pair of runs in each of the first two innings to take an early 4-0 lead. Mansfield answered with two runs of their own in the fourth, but six IUP runs in the fifth put the game on ice.

Justin Garcia took the loss for Mansfield, dropping to 0-5 on the year. Justin Garcia went four innings for the Mounties, getting rocked for seven runs (five earned) on seven hits and six free passes. Tretter provided no relief, giving up four more runs on a walk and three hits while not recording an out.

Freshman, Jordan Garcia, came in to eat up the final two innings, and was dominant. The southpaw gave up just one hit over two scoreless innings, striking out four and walking none.



# Shane Chapman Editorial: NBA twitters the season away

By SHANE CHAPMAN

*Flashlight Sports Writer*

Despite the fact that the new social networking site, Twitter, has been taking over the world, I never thought it would take over the locker room. I stand corrected.

For those who haven't heard, Twitter is a place for anyone to log on and post your thoughts in 145 characters or less. Most compare it to an elaborate Facebook status. This gives people a chance to tell anyone who's looking what they are doing, thinking or about to do. Many celebrities, politicians and athletes have given into the craze. However, I never thought it would take over the locker room. Over the past couple of weeks, halftime hasn't been a time for coaching and strategy, instead it has been a time for checking your Twitter and posting more tweets.

Charlie Villanueva, Milwaukee Bucks forward, started the craze as he took time during halftime of their game against the reigning NBA champs to post this tweet. "In da locker room, snuck to post my twitt. We're playing the Celtics,

tie ball game at da half. Coach wants more toughness. I gotta step up." Hey Chuck, how about you "step up" by taking this time to talk to your coach and teammates about the second half and what you have to do better. Maybe go over to the trainer and make sure your feeling good going into the next half. Instead, you find it more important to tell us you have to step up, instead of doing it.

Coach Skiles was not impressed with the halftime twitter. Rather annoyed, Skiles said how it showed a lack of focus by Villanueva. Villanueva did score a team high 19 points and the team came away with the victory, but the Bucks are still not in playoff contention.

Some might say, "Who cares, Villanueva's not an all star caliber player. It doesn't matter what he does." I might agree with that comment - if it was just him. However, "The Big Cactus" Shaquille O'Neal has now picked up the same fad. He began by sending a tweet before the game stating, "Attention all twitterers I'm a tweet at halftime and not get

fined like Vill a new wave a whteva his name is." Shaq's halftime tweet "Shhhhhh," was his way of staying that he was doing it at halftime and not getting caught and fined by his coach.

Unlike Skiles, Suns coach Alvin Gentry said he already knew about it, but if Shaq gets 25 points and 11 rebounds, he doesn't care what he's doing during halftime: Twitter, Facebook or MySpace. Shaq may be an established player in this league, and Gentry is a new coach, but this shows a lack of focus and commitment to the game.

Athletes get paid millions to do what they love to do - play games. As a fan of the sport, I don't want to hear about who is twittering at halftime, and that it is a game to try to Twitter without getting caught. It's obviously not looked well upon or Shaq would not have been worried about it. Is it *that* important that these athletes get on their Blackberry's in order to update what their thinking? I hope I speak for the fans when I say "we don't want to know what you're thinking - go put on a show and win us the game."



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Milwaukee Bucks forward Charlie Villanueva disappointed his coaches after "twittering" in the locker room at halftime. Villanueva, in addition to other big names like Shaquille O'Neal have brought this fad to the NBA.

## Softball drops first home games to Lock Haven University after WWC Tournament

By OLQUIN PERDOMO

*Special to the Flashlight*

The women's softball team completed a five game campaign at the WWC Tournament in Salem, VA March 20-21 before returning home to play Lock Haven University.

On Friday the Mountaineers lost 12-6 to Seton Hill University in the opener. Janelle Antes hit a two run home run in the sixth while Nicole Yost and Jen Stein homered in the fourth to make up the bulk of Mansfield's offense.

Home runs continued into the nightcap against Ohio Valley University, where Yost, Stein and Sarah Cullen all hit solo home runs in the seventh to give Mansfield the lead.

Kami Bishop pitched a complete game, allowing only four runs and four hits while striking out seven.

On Saturday, the team lost two games in a triple-header before pulling off a 10-2 win over Salem International in the final game. The Mountaineers scored early in the bottom of the first against Salem after a double by Stein brought in Yost and Antes. Katie McConville kept things going with another double, bringing in Stein and giving Mansfield the 3-0 lead.

The Mountaineers added four more runs in the bottom of the fourth when Megan Trutt singled through the right side to bring in Antes and Jen Swarr. Stein led the 10 hit spectacle, going 3-4 with a double and two RBI's.

Bishop picked up her fifth win of the season, striking out five batters before Melissa Baer came in and put the game away in the sixth inning.

The team then went on to drop their first two home games of the season against Lock



PHOTO BY ADAM MURLAND

Jen Stein earned the final run of the game to give Mansfield a 10-2 win over Salem.

Haven, losing 9-0 and 2-1.

In the opener, Mansfield earned no hits the entire game while Lock Haven got 11 hits and eight RBIs against Bishop and Jamie Castellano.

"Lock Haven is a good ball club," McConville said. "However, we know what we are capable of and in the future we will hopefully be able to prove that we're up to their skill level."

Antes scored the only run for Mansfield in the nightcap, and the Mountaineer's record drops to 6-10 overall.

## Team USA loses to Japan in World Baseball Classic semifinals

By OLQUIN PERDOMO

*Special to the Flashlight*

Team USA lost to Japan 9-4 in the World Baseball Classic (WBC) held at Dodger Stadium March 22.

Team USA finishes the classic in fourth, an improvement from their last showing four years ago where the team was eliminated by Mexico in the second round of the tournament.

The USA roster consisted of such known players as Derek Jeter, Jimmy Rollins, David Wright and Jake Peavy.

From the look of the game, Team USA showed no signs of urgency to win. This really goes to show how serious these players were about the tournament.

Team USA had a lead of 2-1 in the fourth that turned into an unreachable deficit of 6-2. Roy Oswalt was the starting pitcher, giving up two consecutive singles in the fourth inning and an error off of a sacrifice fly to put Japan up 3-2.

However, instead of taking Oswalt out of the game, U.S. manager Davey Johnson kept him in the game with a runner on first, one out and three other left-handed hitters on deck for Japan.

The question being asked after the game was why didn't Johnson go to the bullpen or even warm up any pitchers? Aki Iwamura for Japan tripled off Oswalt throughout Oswalt's 3 1/2 innings, driving in a run. Munenori Kawasaki followed, earning an RBI single, Ichiro Suzuki grounded out and Hiroyuki Nakajima doubled to give the lead to Japan and keep the momentum shifted in their direction.

Team USA was said to have the best bullpen. With such depth, why would they have



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Roy Oswalt gave up five runs in the bottom of the fourth to give Japan a commanding 6-2 lead.

righties pitching to left-handers?

Despite the controversy, Johnson felt U.S.A.'s pitchers did the best they could.

"Some of our pitchers aren't as far along as some of the Japanese pitchers," Johnson said. "When I was in Japan, spring training started January 1. It's a lot of practice. It does give them a head start when you play them in March, but I thought our guys played well."

Japan went on to win the championship 5-3 in extra innings in a four hour game against Korea.

"That was as much intensity as you've seen in a baseball game in a long time," Commissioner Bud Selig said. "It was amazing."



## March Madness Update: Cleveland State sours Sweet 16 match-ups

By JIMMY KOCHMER

*Special to the Flashlight*

The first and second rounds of the 2009 Men's NCAA basketball tournament are over and the Sweet 16 is now set.

The first week of the tournament lived up to its hype, with expected and unexpected blowouts, buzzer beaters and madness. Most of the teams that were supposed to win, did win, but there were a couple of surprises. The biggest surprise in the tournament was no. 13 seeded Cleveland State defeating no. 4 seeded Wake Forest. Cleveland State came out of the locker room running and gunning, getting up on Wake Forest early and beating the Demon Deacons 84-69. Wake Forest was picked by many people to go pretty deep in the tournament.

There was also a big scare for the no. 1 seeded Pittsburgh Panthers. Pitt played the no. 16 seeded East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Buccaneers and it went down to the wire. A no. 16 seed has never beaten a no. 1 seed in the tournament. ETSU was not intimidated by the bigger Panthers and played a great game, but fell a bit short, losing 72-62. Pitt settled down in the closing minutes of the game, not letting them be the first no. 1 seed to lose to a no. 16 seed.

Almost every top four seed in each region made it to the Sweet 16. The two teams that didn't make it were Wake Forest in the Midwest bracket and the no. 4 seeded Washington Huskies in the West bracket. The two teams that made it instead of Wake and Washington are the no. 12 seeded Arizona Wildcats in the Midwest and the no. 5 seeded Purdue Boilermakers in the West. Joining Arizona in the Midwest bracket is the overall no. 1 seed in the tournament, Louisville, no. 2 Michigan State and no. 3 Kansas. Joining no. 5 Purdue in the West bracket is no. 1 UConn, no. 2 Memphis and no. 3 Missouri. In the East and South brackets, all the top four seeds made it. No. 1 Pittsburgh, no. 2 Duke, no. 3 Villanova and no. 4 Xavier will head into the Sweet 16 for the East while no. 1 North Carolina, no. 2 Oklahoma, no. 3 Syracuse and no. 4 Gonzaga will head into the third round for the South.

Overall it's been a great tournament so far and it's going to keep getting better. The madness continues with the Sweet 16 round coming up on Thursday, March 26 and Friday the 27, with the Elite 8 games being played on Saturday the 28 and Sunday the 29.



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No. 4 Wake Forest turned into a bracket buster after losing to no. 13 Cleveland State in the first round of March Madness.

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## Jarrell Hill awarded Outstanding Boxer Award at boxing Regionals

By DANELLE MILLER

*Flashlight Copy Editor*

The Mansfield Boxing Club competed in the boxing Regionals in Fort Washington, MD from Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22.

Five men were supposed to compete, but Roi Ligon did not make weight. Instead, he served as a corner coach with Dr. John Mansfield. The men who did fight were Aaron Reardon, Jarrell Hill, Zach Perchinski and Solomon Isom.

On Friday, Reardon faced Steve Henoa of Army at 147. "It was the best fight of the night," head coach Richard Gillespie said. "They were evenly matched and both are talented. However, Aaron needs to work on his defense because he let Steve get through to him. Steve is a good boxer, but Aaron did well. He stayed with him and showed great potential."

Two-thirds through round three, Henoa hit Reardon in the jaw and dislocated it. Despite the injury, Aaron finished the battle. "We were concerned about it being broken or a concussion," Gillespie said. "He's done for the spring; he won't box until it's healed."

Perchinski fought Chris Czupryna of Virginia Military Institute at 195. "It was

a close match," Gillespie said. "Zach has to work on defense. Every time Zach hit, Chris was able to get a hit in on him." Czupryna won the bout, but was unable to continue due to a broken nose.

Isom fought AJ Williams of Penn State University at 175. Williams had a long reach, but Isom was able to get inside. Boxing inside is not Isom's style, but he showed he can alter his style to the contender. Isom won the bout unanimously.

On Saturday, Isom lost to Donny Brady of Lock Haven University. "The match was so close it was hard to accept that Solomon lost," Gillespie said. "One judge gave a point to Brady and the other gave one to Solomon. The third judge broke the tie and gave the match to Brady because he thought Solomon was not aggressive enough."

Isom was going to fight in the bronze match, but his opponent pulled out, which gave Isom the medal. Isom will advance to Nationals.

"Aaron, Zach and Solomon need to work on defense, which is the hardest part of boxing," Gillespie said. "There are three things the team needs to do more of: use their feet, move their upper body and head and keep one hand up when throwing the other one."

Hill faced Jim Zimmerman of Lock Haven University on Friday at 132. "Zimmerman is tall for his weight and has long arms," Gillespie said. "Jarrell usually counter-punches, but when Zimmerman threw, there was no place for Jarrell to go but inside. I've never seen Jarrell fight like this, but he's an intelligent boxer. He went inside and gave body blows; it was the only way to handle Zimmerman. It was like two heavyweights pounding away at each other." Hill won the bout.

On Saturday, Hill defeated Johnny Garcia in the gold/silver match, which advances Hill on to the Nationals. Hill and Garcia have met three times over their collegiate career. "Every one [match] was a cliff hanger," Gillespie said. "It was close. The Army Assistant Coach said that 'Jarrell is the only person in the league capable of beating Johnny.' We expect them to meet at Nationals."

Mansfield stayed until Sunday, where Hill was presented with the Outstanding Boxer Award. The judges chose one boxer in tournament who they felt was most deserving of the award.

The men will head to College Park, MD for Nationals, Thursday, April 2 through Saturday, April 4.



PHOTO BY DR. RICHARD GILLESPIE

Jarrell Hill (left) was awarded the Outstanding Boxing Award at this year's Regional Championship. Hill defeated Johnny Garcia of Army for the gold medal win in the finals.

## Coming up in Mountie Sports

| Thursday                                    | Friday                                                                                              | Saturday                                                                                                                                          | Sunday                                                                                       | Monday | Tuesday                                                                                        | Wednesday |
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| March 26                                    | 27<br>- Baseball @ West Chester University, 1 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ Raleigh Relays, Raleigh, NC | 28<br>- Baseball vs. West Chester University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball vs. Gannon University, 1 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ Raleigh Relays, Raleigh, NC | 29                                                                                           | 30     | 31<br>- Baseball @ Lake Erie College, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ IUP, 2:30 p.m.                    | April 1.  |
| 2<br>- Boxing @ Nationals, College Park, MD | 3<br>- Baseball vs. Bloomsburg University, 1 p.m.<br>- Boxing @ Nationals, College Park, MD         | 4<br>- Baseball @ Bloomsburg University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ Shippensburg University, 1 p.m.<br>- Boxing @ Nationals, College Park, MD         | 5<br>- Baseball @ Slippery Rock University, 1 p.m.<br>- Boxing @ Nationals, College Park, MD | 6      | 7<br>- Baseball vs. Lake Erie College, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ Bloomsburg University, 2:30 p.m. | 8         |



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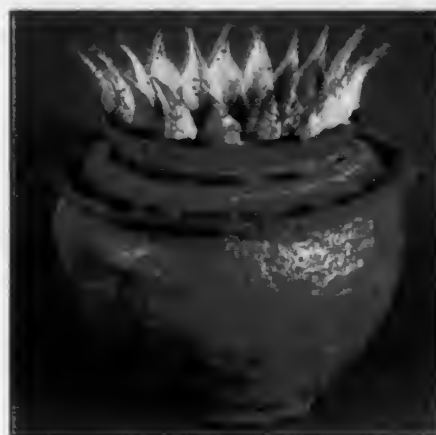
## Raphaela McCormack Exhibit at Mansfield Gallery

"3-Dimensional Paper, Sculpted Vessels," a collection of works by Raphaela McCormack, will be on display at the Mansfield University Gallery until May 4.

Now living in Rochester, NY, McCormack is a native of Ireland. "I was born in the West of Ireland and I lived there until my late 20s," McCormack said. "This land is always in me and my work is inspired by it."

Her major creations, vessels, are done with handmade papers and vivid color choices.

"I am compelled by the meanings I observe in the relationships of the world," McCormack said. "The vessel provides an ideal vehicle to explore these relationships, particularly between the inner and the outer worlds. This choice allows me to embark on a journey with



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These are two pieces of McCormack's work, titled "Sunburst" (on the left) and "September Sky" (on the right).

each idea. For me, this is a dance between creator and created. When the vessel transcends my initial idea, my journey is complete and the vessel is ready to continue its journey beyond me."

For more information on McCormack, check online at [raphaelamccormack.com](http://raphaelamccormack.com).

There will be an opening reception and artist's talk on Tuesday, April 15 at 4 p.m.

Also on April 15, McCormack will conduct two studio workshops, 10:30 a.m.-noon and 2:30-4 p.m., in Allen Hall. Anyone interested in the workshops can contact the Mansfield University Art Department at (570) 662-4500 for more information.

The Mansfield University Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in North Hall.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Mansfield University Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee (AAEC), which is funded by Mansfield University College Community Services Inc. The workshops are co-sponsored by AAEC and the Mansfield University chapter of National Art Education Association.

## Mansfield String Chamber Orchestra to Perform April 9

The Mansfield University String Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Kenneth Sarch, will perform in concert on Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public.

The orchestra will perform a program featuring the *Danzas de Panama* by William Grant Still and *Hymn and a Tribute to Vivaldi* from Sarch's *Colonial Williamsburg Odyssey*. The concert will also feature two concerto movements featuring student soloists from the ensemble.

The Mansfield University String Chamber Orchestra (MUSCO) is a new ensemble comprised of 12 string players from the Mansfield Music Department. It was founded last fall by Sarch.

"The string orchestra repertory is both varied and exciting," Sarch said. "For the first time at Mansfield, our string students

have the opportunity to study and perform the great string orchestra literature. Our debut program last October was presented at the Gmeiner Museum in Wellsboro to audience acclaim. MUSCO shared the symphony orchestra holiday program in December at Mansfield University, playing the *Arensky Suite in Canonic Form* and the popular *Anderson Sleigh Ride*."

It is one of Sarch's goals for the new ensemble to provide opportunity for students to perform as soloists with the ensemble. The April 9 concert will showcase two members of the string orchestra as the featured soloists; violinist Amanda Trimpey, a freshman music education major from Pittsfield, PA, and cellist Garet Holdren, a senior music education major from Windfield, PA.

On Feb. 19, MUSCO performed for the Thursday Morning

Musical in Mandeville Hall at the Clemens Center in Elmira, NY. The orchestra performed an American work, *Concertino* by Samuel Adler, followed by Sarch's published arrangement of the *March, Minuet and Capriccio* from Ben Franklin's *Quartetto*, an original work by one of our founding fathers discovered in the library in Paris where Franklin served as Ambassador.

Other works on the program included *Palladio* by Karl Jenkins and a *Gavotte* by J.S. Bach. *The Vivaldi Concerto for Two Violins* ended the program and featured two student violin soloists in the orchestra, Andrew Jones and Stephen John.

Sarch is a professor of Violin & Viola at Mansfield University. He has conducted district, regional and state orchestra festivals in several states and has been invited five times to conduct the Panama

National Youth Orchestra. He has also conducted the String Orchestra of the Jordan National Music Conservatory, the Symphony of the Jordan Armed Forces and the CMI Youth Orchestra in Brazil. He plays as Concertmaster of the Williamsport Symphony.

Sarch has received four USIA Arts America Grants to Panama, Brazil, Israel and Jordan and two Fulbright Scholar Awards to Brazil and Bolivia. Last year he was appointed to serve on the National Fulbright Review Panel at the invitation of the Council of International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C.

Sarch was awarded the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association "Citation of Excellence" in Music Education at the College / University Level in 2003.

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Weekly  
Weather

## TODAY

Mostly  
Cloudy

High: 62 Low: 44

## FRIDAY



Rain

High: 57 Low: 37

## SATURDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 48 Low: 31

## SUNDAY

Mostly  
Sunny

High: 54 Low: 38

## MONDAY



Showers

High: 52 Low: 38

## TUESDAY

Snow  
Showers

High: 44 Low: 32

## WEDNESDAY

Rain/Snow  
Showers

High: 46 Low: 33

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-Social work majors Amber Ellixson, Lisa Saltsman and Terry Babb are working on a group project for their social work practice class. They are sponsoring concern for foster care children and families. They are asking for donations of gently used or new duffel bags, backpacks, suitcases and donations. There are containers marked "Concern- Foster Care" at Kelchner and in the campus bookstore. The boxes will be there until April 13.

-Registration for fall 2009 courses will be continuing all week until April 4. Check out the registration schedule at <http://esd.mansfield.edu/registrar/>

-Erinn Batykefer and K.A. Hays will give a dual poetry reading as part of their Pennsylvania poetry tour. Both poets are native Pennsylvanians and their tour is part of a larger grassroots effort to connect Pennsylvania poets and readers of poetry, and to encourage poetry about the state and the lives of its residents. The event is sponsored by the Department of English and Modern Languages & the Women's Studies Program. It will be held on Thursday, April 2, 4:30 p.m. in 317 Alumni Hall. Books by Erinn Batykefer and K.A. Hays will be available for purchase at the event. This event is free and open to the public.

Tau Beta Sigma presents Billy Montana in concert, Sunday April 5 at 4:30 p.m. in Steadman Theater. Billy Montana is a singer/songwriter who has written for many of Nashville's top artists, including Garth Brooks, Sara Evans, Tim McGraw and Martina McBride. Mansfield University students are free with ID. Tickets are available at the door (adults \$8, children 12 and under \$5).

-Join Nashville singer/songwriter Billy Montana Monday April 6 at 5 p.m. in Jazzman's Cafe, Alumni Hall. Billy will present a free workshop on composition and production, and will offer a question and answer time. Sponsored by Tau Beta Sigma.

## 'ORCHESTRA PHOTO'

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## Correction

The David Cook photo featured on the front page of last week's issue was taken by Adam Murtland, not Alicia Shumway. The Flashlight apologizes for this error.

## Entertainment Corner

Courtesy of billboard.com



## Hot 100

- 1.) Jamie Foxx feat. T-Pain - Blame It
- 2.) Keri Hilson feat. Lil Wayne - Turning Me On
- 3.) The-Dream - Rockin' That Thang
- 4.) T.I. feat. Justin Timberlake- Dead & Gone
- 5.) Ne-Yo - Mad



Courtesy of imdb.com



## Hot Movies:

- 1.) Monsters vs Aliens - PG, Reese Witherspoon
- 2.) The Haunting in Connecticut - PG-13, Virginia Madsen
- 3.) Knowing - PG-13, Nicholas Cage
- 4.) I Love You, Man - R, Paul Rudd
- 5.) Duplicity - PG-13, Julia Roberts





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## P.R.S.S.A. giving students a chance to dance the night away

By NICK ABEL

Flashlight Writer

Even though proms and dances are long behind many college students, one can't argue with the classics. On Thursday, April 16, the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is sponsoring a dance night entitled the "Black and White Affair," to be held in the South Hall Mall.

The event is free to all Mansfield University students (with the use of their student identification), and is, as the title implies, a formal attire evening. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with Chango's Mocktails, leading up to the dance at 7 p.m. Attendees can also enjoy an all-night fruit and vegetable bar. In the event of inclement weather, the evening will take place in the Hut on campus.

The PRSSA is excited to bring this night to Mansfield students and encourages them to take part. "Everything is completely free," said Debra Marbaker, a senior public relations and woman studies major and Vice President of the campus organization. "It is an opportunity to get dressed up in clothes you don't normally wear. It's also a chance for students to spend time in the South Hall Mall

and hang out with their friends," Marbaker said.

Outside of the club, some students are eager to join in as well. "I miss getting all fancy and dolled-up," said Jen Geither, a sophomore biology student. "High school dances were so much fun and I really would like to experience that again, but with my new friends here at Mansfield. I think it's a great idea and a lot of people will enjoy a night like this."

First-year student Adam Torrance agrees. "I had a dance like this during my senior year and it was a blast," Torrance said. "The fact that this one is free is a big plus, especially for kids who are short on cash now because of college."

Other students do not share the same enthusiasm. "I was never into it back at my other school," said third-year education student Jack Francis. "But I guess other people are, so that's why they are having it." Even though some students may find a formal affair to be a cliché, the evening seems to have enough interest and appeal to be a successful event.

## Throat singers from Mongolia entice Mansfield Students

By BRANDON HAVERKOST

Flashlight News Writer

The Alash Ensemble transformed Steadman Theater into an ancient Tuvan countryside with their throat singing performance on Thursday March 26.

The four members of Alash are world renowned for their mastery of Tuvan throat singing; a technique of singing multiple harmonizing pitches at once. The group has performed with the likes of the *Extra Special Terrestrials*, and has endeavored in collaborative efforts with *Béla Fleck and the Flecktones*.

With a curious Mansfield fan base that filled approximately 75 percent of the seats of Steadman Theater, Alash received two well deserved standing ovations, once after their hour and a half long performance, and another after their encore presentation.

The concert began at 7 p.m. with a brief introduction by Dr. Peggy Dettwiler of Mansfield University, who described her first encounter with the manager of Alash, Sean Quirk. The two had first spoken in the seats of an airliner, and consequently made the initial arrangements for a Mansfield concert before the flight landed.

After Dr. Dettwiler's introduction, Quirk appeared on stage and gave the wondering audience a brief background about the band as well as the nature and history of Tuvan throat singing.

The members of Alash then appeared clad in traditional Tuvan apparel, and sat in the chairs already present on stage.

To the audience's left of the stage sat Nachyn Choodu, who played the byzannchy and the chadagan. In the left center sat Bady-

Dorzhu Ondar, who performed with the igil, bayan, doshpuluur and guitar. In the right-center sat Ayan-ool Sam, who played the doshpuluur, chanzy, igil, and xomus. On the far right sat Ayan Shirizhik, who played the kengirge, shynggyrash, murgu, igil and xomus. All four members sang.

The band performed a variety of different forms of traditional Tuvan folk music. Most of the vocal performances were fully accompanied by the band's Tuvan instruments, however an a capella and a few solos were performed. Towards the end of the concert, Ayan-ool Sam performed a solo on the xomus, which is the Tuvan version of the Jewish harp.

The performance lasted until 8:30 p.m. Alash CDs were available for purchase upon exit of the theater.



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Tuva is located at the southern edge of Siberia, with Mongolia to its south. The ensemble must travel for days to come to the U.S. for a concert tour.

## Mentalist wows Mansfield students with his mind reading abilities and tricks

By BRANDON HABERKOST

*Flashlight News Writer*

Mentalist Banachek drew gasps, "oohs," and "aahs" from his Mansfield University student audience on Thursday March 26 in the Hut as he displayed his mastery of the human mind.

Banachek performed various tricks from mind reading to spoon bending, and invoked a copious amount of audience participation with each new stunt.

The performance began at 9 p.m. and lasted until 10:45 pm.

A short glimpse at Banachek's web site, <http://www.banachek.com> will reveal that this mentalist isn't afraid to admit that his performance is more of sleight of hand and psychological conditioning rather than magic and psychic activity. However, he made true believers out of some Mansfield students Thursday night as he extracted their thoughts directly out of their minds, effectively forcing them to utter blatant interjections. One

student pulled onstage blurted out "Holy crap!" after Banachek said aloud the precise number that the student was thinking of.

Banachek began his show by telling four members of the audience to think of playing cards from a standard deck, with the exception of cards particularly popular among the thoughts of students, such as the Ace of Spades, or the King of Hearts. To the amazement of the four students selected for the trick, Banachek correctly guessed each card that was hanging in cognitive limbo.

Later in his show, with the aid of an audience member he placed a generous amount of electric tape over his eyes and proceeded to correctly identify three objects taken from the pockets of Mansfield students that were held over his head. Of the three objects, Banachek identified in detail one particular birth control device, evoking a rich amount of laughter from the audience.

Near the end of his performance, Banachek sat two audience members

onstage, asked them to close their eyes, and point to where he would tap them. He proceeded to tap only one student on his shoulders and head, as both pointed to the respective touched body parts. Upon the revelation to the untouched audience member that she hadn't physically been struck, the student's eyes grew wide and her jaw dropped open.

Other tricks performed by Banachek included a correct guess of a phone number randomly pulled from a local telephone directory, the movement of a pen with his mind, and a correct guess of a serial number on a dollar bill taken from a student's wallet.

"I liked the mind tricks he played," Eric Eccker, a freshman at Mansfield said.

"[Mansfield students] were a fantastic audience," Banachek said. "Most of them were actually on time, which is rare for college students."



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Described as the "Cream of the Crop" when it comes to entertainers, Banachek is the world's leading Mentalist.

## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

| Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Friday                                               | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                   | Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday                                                                                                                  |
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| 2<br>~12 p.m. -3 p.m.<br>Mansfield University's<br>Job & Internship Fair at<br>Kelchner Fitness Center<br>~4:30 pm -6 p.m. Poetry<br>reading by Pennsylvania<br>poets Erinn Batykefer<br>and K.A. Hays<br>Location: Alumni 317 | 3<br>~Relay for Life at Kelch-<br>ner Fitness Center | 4<br>~Relay for Life at Kelch-<br>ner Fitness Center<br>~1 p.m. Cassandra<br>Reichard and Christina<br>Verbyla, Sr/Jr Clarinet<br>Recital<br>~4 p.m. Andrew Dutko,<br>Senior Voice Recital | 5<br>~12 p.m. Gabriel<br>Wagaman, Senior Clarinet<br>Recital<br>~2 p.m. Kellie Barbato,<br>Senior Voice Recital<br>~4:30 p.m. Billy Montana,<br>Guest Recital<br>~7:30 pm Philip Brink,<br>Guest Bass Trombone Artist | 6<br>~7 p.m.<br>20th Annual Student<br>Affairs Outstanding<br>Student Service Awards<br>Banquet. (By invitation<br>only)            | 7                                            | 8                                                                                                                          |
| 9<br>~7 p.m.<br>Mansfield University<br>String Chamber<br>Orchestra                                                                                                                                                            | 10                                                   | 11<br>~10 a.m. -12 p.m.<br>Saturday mini visit by<br>appointment only                                                                                                                      | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 13<br>~4 p.m. -5:30 p.m.<br>The Bounty Hunter:<br>Your Job Search<br>Location: AHSC 312<br>~7 p.m. Concert Wind<br>Ensemble Concert | 14<br>~7:30 p.m. Student<br>Composer Recital | 15<br>~4 p.m. -5:30 p.m.<br>What Can I Do in the<br>Field of...Fine Arts (Mu-<br>sic, Art, Theatre)?<br>Location: AHSC 312 |



# News in a flash

## Superheroes really do exist



By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

Spiderman, Spiderman, friendly neighborhood Spiderman. This is exactly what enticed an autistic boy to get out of harms way.

A young autistic boy from Bangkok, Thailand was scared on his first day of school, which was last Thursday. He climbed onto a third floor balcony and dangled his legs over the edge.

Somchai Yoosabai, a firefighter, was called in when the eleven year old refused to come off the ledge, even after his mother and teacher tried to coax him off.

"He was nervous about the first day at school, and he was asking for his mother," Yoosabai said. "He cried and refused to let any of us get close to him."

The boy would not come off the ledge for Yoosabai either. He overheard the boy's mother and teacher talking about his love for comics and superheroes.

The firefighter got an idea, and rushed back to the fire station. Luckily, Yoosabai had a Spiderman costume waiting for him. Yoosabai keeps costumes to liven up fire drills

at elementary schools.

"I told him Spider-Man is here to save you. No monster will hurt you now," Somchai said. "Then I told him to walk slowly toward me. I was nervous that he might have slipped if he got too excited and ran."

That did the trick. "The teary-eyed boy broke into a smile and started walking into my arms," Yoosabai said.



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The boy refused to come off the balcony until his hero, Spiderman, came to the rescue.

## Obama lets automakers know who is behind the wheel

By DEREK WITUCKI

Flashlight News Writer

President Obama has released a harsh new plan for automakers in Detroit in an attempt to get their financial crisis' under control. Obama refused to give carmakers another bailout unless they produced an agreeable restructuring plan. Obama gave General Motors (GM) 60 days and Chrysler 30 days to comply.

"The most important thing we can do is to make sure the auto industry comes out of this difficult process stronger than ever and able to compete," Obama said in an interview with WJBK-TV Detroit.

Obama commented on automakers' ability to survive without resorting to the bankruptcy process. "What I've said is that I'm confident we can do this...but I think that we are going to have to find some legal tools if all the parties can't come together to make some of the accommodations and deal with the enormous debt burdens that both Chrysler and GM are dealing with," Obama said.

According to the Associated Press, Obama's administration and its auto task force have concluded that the auto industry's plans to change their mix of products, fix their balance sheets, reduce production capacity and launch new vehicles were simply too slow to be effective.

The president hopes to use the poor shape of the American car industry to emphasize the need for one of his top

policies, the push into fuel-efficient and eco-friendly vehicles.

Officials from Obama's administration insist that bankruptcy is not the best course for the economy or auto industry. The president took time Monday to explain how a court-overseen restructuring would work. The Associated Press said that Obama stressed that bankruptcy—if necessary—would help Chrysler and GM clear old debts and place them on a sustainable path. "What I'm not talking about is a process where a company is simply broken up, sold off and no longer exists," Obama said, which he made clear was something that he does not want for what is a staple of the American economy.

According to the Associated Press, "The Internal Revenue Service announced a new plan to allow taxpayers to deduct sales and excise taxes on any new car they purchase, whether foreign or domestic." Obama told the Associated Press that he also was working with Congress on "cash for clunker" legislation which would allow citizens who trade in an older car for a new and fuel-efficient one to receive a reimbursement on their purchase.

To encourage Americans to buy new cars, the U.S. government will back new car warranties issued by GM and Chrysler in order to assure consumers that their vehicles will be protected. Obama is also pursuing other avenues that are not directly related to GM and Chrysler, to also help competitors.

# Freedom Tower gets new name even though many are against it

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Editor

The building that was meant to be in place of the World Trade Centers, named the Freedom Tower, is now being changed, name, design and all.

It will still be full of symbolism, and will still be an American response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The original design was supposed to imitate the Statue of Liberty. Its height was 1,776 feet, to commemorate the year that America gained independence. Politicians called the tower proof of the country's triumph over terrorism.

Former Gov. George Pataki said visitors to the iconic skyscraper "will know our determination to overcome evil" in a 2003 speech that first gave the Freedom Tower its name.

The tower is still under construction with the completion date in 2013, but everything is now changing. Owners of ground zero decided to not keep the name Freedom Tower, but instead change the name to the former tower's name, One World Trade Center. They felt it would be more practical.

Some critics are saying the name is unpatriotic, and others are blaming the agency for taking too long to rebuild on the ground zero site.

"When you've broken your promises on everything else to do with redeveloping ground zero, it's no big deal to discard the name by which the public has come to know the iconic skyscraper," the New York Daily News wrote on Friday.

Others are worried about any possible problems the new building might cause. Some people fear that the new building would be susceptible to future terrorist attacks because of the American pride surrounding it.

"The fact is, more than three billion dollars of public money is invested in that building and, as a public agency, we have the responsibility to make sure it is completed and that we utilize the best strategy to make certain it is fully occupied," the agency said in a statement Friday.

"As we market the building, we will ensure the building is presented in the best possible way." [One World Trade Center is] "easiest for people to identify with, and frankly, we've gotten an interested and warm reception to it," Agency chairman Anthony Coscia said.

Coscia expressed concern about the new building because he thought that Port Authority employees wouldn't want to move into the tall, symbolic tower after it's built on the same sight that had already suffered two terrorist attacks, in 1993 and in 2001. He

felt that it would be emotionally difficult to return.

Other government offices were located in the original trade centers. The Port Authority is trying to finalize leases, but no other corporate tenants have signed on as of yet. The Port Authority has agreed to lease space in a separate building on the site.

Pataki was the one who named the Freedom Tower in a speech back in 2003. He has continuously referred to it in other speeches as a symbol of America's ability to be able to stand back up and fight after the attacks. Pataki took offense of the name replacement.

"Where One and Two World Trade Center once stood, there will be a memorial with two voids to honor the heroes we lost. In my view, those addresses should never be used again," he said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, said on Friday that he prefers the name Freedom Tower. He the building's true name may be left to the public.

"One of the things is we call things what we want to call them, so Avenue of Americas is a good example. It's Sixth Avenue to most people," the mayor said. "If they name this One World Trade Center, people will still call it the Freedom Tower."



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Even though people are not happy with the name change, people will still refer to it as the Freedom Tower.



# Alumnus profile: William Robertson, class of 1972

By JILL KAUFFMAN

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Everyone has a different reason for choosing a college. For William Robertson, the right fit was Mansfield State College, later to become Mansfield University.

The small, rural setting suited Robertson and made him feel at home. "I was a small town boy from Bradford, Pa and could never have survived in a city setting. I liked the fact that I could go hunting on the hills around Mansfield or commune with nature anytime I liked," Robertson said.

Robertson planned on majoring in English, something many of high school friends planned on studying. Most of his friends went to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, but he wanted to choose his own path and not be a follower.

At Mansfield, Robertson made many friends. "My favorite thing about Mansfield was all the wonderful friends I made there, many of whom I'm in contact with today," Robertson said. The school required freshmen to stay on campus until after Thanksgiving, so the time together created a strong bond between Robertson and his friends. They came from different backgrounds and taught him new ideas. "A lot of my buddies were from Philly, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton and exposed me to an urban way of thinking that expanded my world view and core beliefs," Robertson said.

He recalls balancing both the social and academic worlds at Mansfield. He and his friends would at times hitch a ride up the road to the Green Shingles Inn because

Mansfield was a dry town. There were also the times when he was working furiously in the library attempting to finish a term paper on time. "I showed up one minute before class," Robertson said.

Robertson has a passion for writing. He wrote poetry for the campus newspaper, *The Flashlight* and used music as an inspiration. A shy boy in junior high school, Robertson used poetry as a way of expressing himself. As he got older, his style developed. "It wasn't until I heard the lyrics of Jim Morrison and the Doors that I became serious about refining my poetic style. Some of my earliest Doors-influenced poetry was published in *The Flashlight* in the late 1960s," Robertson said.

Robertson graduated in 1972 with a degree in English, but was unable to find a job in the teaching field. Mansfield offered him a graduate assistant position in the fall of 1972 and he accepted. He took three graduate courses a semester and earned 24 graduate credits. He was then offered a full time teaching position at Otto-Eldred Junior-Senior High School in Duke Center, Pa. He did not complete his graduate degree because at the time a teacher only needed 24 credits of graduate work in order to earn a permanent teaching certificate in Pennsylvania. He later worked in Bradford, Pa for the Bradford Area School District for 12 years. Today he owns and operates his own business.

Robertson is still writing today. He has written poems, short stories and has co-written novels. The novels revolve around the Bucktails, which was a regiment in the Civil War. Robertson offers advice for aspiring writers. Writing about

what you know and using experience will help, as will making sure imagery and concrete details are present. However, above all else, remain persistent. "In my career I got back enough rejection slips to paper my living room. Sometimes a piece isn't rejected because it's bad. It's because it doesn't fit the theme or format of a particular publication," Robertson said.

Robertson credits Mansfield creative writing professor Joe David Bellamy for helping him grow as a writer. "He taught me the importance of accepting constructive criticism and of editing a story or poem until it shone like polished brass. As the old adage goes, writing is 10 percent inspiration and 90 percent perspiration. In accordance to that precept, Mr. Bellamy always insisted upon seeing several drafts of a piece before he would accept it," Robertson said. Robertson also became fiction editor of *The Conception*, Mansfield's student magazine with the encouragement of Bellamy.

Another professor Robertson cites as an inspiration is Mrs. Ellen Blais. Robertson recalls her passion of Medieval literature and Old English. "She awoke in me such an interest in this work from the past that I later penned two collections of original poems entitled '1066' and 'The Illustrated Book of Ancient, Medieval & Fantasy Battle Verse,'" Robertson said.

Robertson also writes horror stories, and some of his Mansfield experience is used and published in his "Dark Haunted Day" collection. "North Hall is Haunted" is based on the experience of a girlfriend who was living in North Hall when it was a dormitory. Some of his works are available in the Mansfield University Bookstore, as well as online at

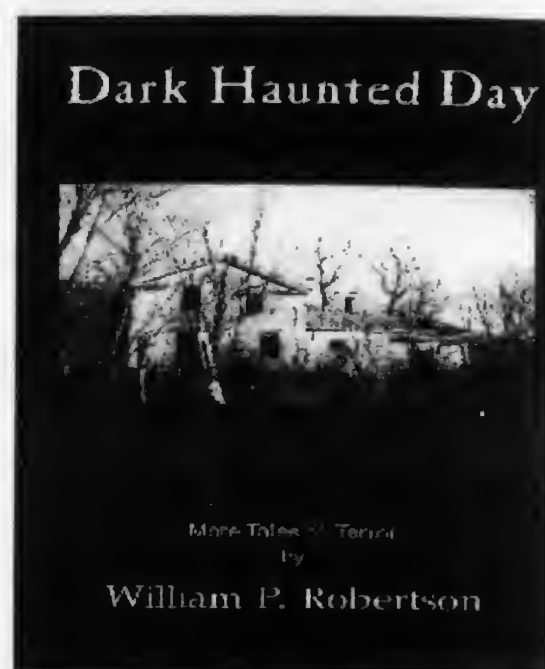


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"Dark Haunted Day" is one of Robertson's published works. Robertson graduated from Mansfield in 1972 with a degree in English.

<http://bucktailsandbroomsticks.com>.

He created memories at Mansfield and was involved with many campus activities. In addition to working with *The Flashlight* and *The Conception*, Robertson was a member of Phi Sigma Pi and played intramural softball and basketball. He went right from undergraduate studies to graduated studies. "I liked it so much I stayed 5 1/2 years," Robertson said. Mansfield was a big part of this writer's life. "I still love Mansfield and consider my time there as the heyday of my life," Robertson said.

## Environmental Facts of the Week

- 1) To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.
- 2) Recycling a single run of the Sunday New York Times would save 75,000 trees.
- 3) If all our newspaper was recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year!
- 4) During World War II when raw materials were scarce, 33% of all paper was recycled. After the war, this number decreased sharply.
- 5) The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.

The above facts were taken directly from the Student Environmental Advisory Council of North Dakota State University. Visit their website at [http://www.seac150m.com/fun\\_facts.html](http://www.seac150m.com/fun_facts.html)

## This day in history: April 2, 1977

On this day in 1977, racehorse Red Rum wins a historic third Grand National championship at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool, England, after taking home victory in 1973 and 1974 and finishing second in 1975 and 1976. Red Rum remains the most successful horse in the history of the Grand National, which is considered by many to be the world's toughest steeplechase race.

The first Grand National at Aintree was run on Feb. 26, 1839. Today, the course is four miles 856 yards and contains 30 fences. The largest number of horses to finish the event was 23 in 1984, while the smallest number was just two in 1928. The Grand National is the biggest betting horse race in Britain, as well as the one most popular with people who typically don't follow the sport.

Red Rum, a bay gelding, was foaled on May 3, 1963, at the Rossennara Stud in Kells, County Kilkenny, Ireland. His moniker was derived from the last three letters of the names of his dam and sire, Mared and Quorum. Early in his racing career, it was discovered Red Rum had a debilitating bone disease; however, trainer Ginger McCain trained him on the sand and in the sea on a beach

Southport, Merseyside, which apparently cured Red Rum of his foot problem. In 1973, Red Rum, ridden by jockey Brian Fletcher, won his first Grand National when he beat Crisp with a record time of 9 minutes 1.9 seconds, a number that would stand for 16 years. Fletcher was replaced with Tommy Stack at the 1976 Grand National and on April 2, 1977, Stack rode Red Rum to his record-setting third Grand National victory. Before the race, there was speculation that 12-year-old Red Rum was too old to compete. Of the 42 horses that started the race, only nine finished the grueling course. Two horses had to be put down after falling.

Red Rum was scheduled to run in the 1978 Grand National, but on the morning of the race it was determined he had a hairline fracture. The horse, age 13, was then retired from racing; however, his fame in Britain continued to grow and he made numerous publicity appearances. In Oct. 1995, Red Rum, then 30 and in failing health, was put down. The champion horse was buried near the winning post at the Aintree track.

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# Mansfield students show CONCERN for community

By JAMIE CURTIS

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Three Mansfield University students are sponsoring a donation event: Concern for Foster Care Children & Families.

The event is being hosted by social work majors Terry Babb, Amber Ellixson and Lisa Saltsman. Items requested for donation include: gently used duffel /travel bags, backpacks suitcases and monetary donations. There are donation bins in the bookstore, which is located on the second floor of Alumni Hall, and at the Kelchner Fitness Center check-in desk. Donations will be accepted until April 13.

This event is part of a group/community service project for the class Social Work 3351.

"Our particular project identified an organization (CONCERN) that serves a community (Tioga County) in the area of foster children and families," Babb said. "The problem we discovered in our communication with caseworkers [at] Concern Foster Care was that most children moving into a new foster home do not have luggage or travel bags with which to move their personal belongings."

"CONCERN is a safe place for neglected/abused children and children who are in the foster care system or waiting to become adopted," Ellixson said. "They [CONCERN] stated the need for suitcases/



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Social work majors Terry Babb, Amber Ellixson and Lisa Saltsman planned the donation event as part of their Social Work 3351.

duffel bags for the children who are in Foster Care. They also expressed the need for hygiene/personal toiletry products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc for all of the children at the agency... We greatly appreciate any donations that can be made for our group."

All donated items will be used to help children in Tioga County. "Our group picked this topic because we felt it is not a common community service project that everyone thinks to donate, usually when people think of places to donate they think food banks, but agencies need just as much help," Ellixson said. "Hopefully, after we get the word out about the agency and the community learns of the need they will keep donating and learn of other ways to help the community."

"My group was inspired to do this type

of project because foster children often carry all of their possessions in plastic grocery bags. The donations will allow them to have a safe place to keep their belongings. We feel that this will mean a lot to them," Saltsman said. "Anyone who is willing to donate items for our project should know how much we appreciate it. For me, just knowing the happiness that it will bring to the children is worth all of the work that is put into it."

"Give a little and help a kid a lot. The child may not know who did it; the giver may not ever know the child they helped, but each will know someone cares, and that has the possibility to change a life. Small acts can have big results." Babb said.

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# Mansfield professor shares Hunger Banquet experience

By DR. KATHRYN SUE YOUNG

Special to the Flashlight

On Monday, March 30, 2009, I had the pleasure of attending a Hunger Banquet at Mansfield University planned by Hiwot Girma, Danelle Miller and Samantha Goldthwait. This was an amazing event that I wish everyone could experience.

Upon arrival, we selected our "fate." I chose a slip that assigned me to poverty level. I was invited to sit on the floor at a laminated placemat. As others came in, they either joined me on the floor, were led to the middle class tables where there were plastic cups and silverware or to the upper class tables that were set with fine china and glassware.

We watched a video with statistics on world hunger. Particularly disturbing was imagining the 30,000 children who die each day from starvation. The students told us about the plight of people in each of these classes. The middle class were only a paycheck away from poverty level and in fact, they identified six people in that group who lost pay and had to move to the floor with us. However, there were some people in the poverty level who worked hard and were moved to the middle class.

When it was time to eat, the upper class received salad, rolls, spaghetti and meatballs and chocolate cake. The middle class received beans and rice and clean water. The poverty level folks received rice only and dirty water (dyed). We were told that the one spoonful of rice we received was representative of our food for the day. We had not eaten before and would not

eat after.

Shortly after being served, the people in the upper class group brought some of their food over to share with the poverty class. It was interesting that even though the upper class group brought food over to the poverty group to share, they immediately retreated back to their elegant table. No one in the elite group sat down to share and eat with the poverty class seated on the floor.

The students led a discussion about how we all felt about the experience. The upper class said that the meal was totally uncomfortable, and it was difficult to eat because the poverty class had nothing but rice. The students asked how we felt when food was shared. Answers ranged from "embarrassed" to "grateful."

They also asked how the middle class felt when the food was shared with the poverty class, and someone said how representative that was of society—the middle class (those who may be one paycheck away from disaster) are often the "invisible" class. But they were grateful that food was shared with those who were less fortunate. Finally, there was a short presentation by a representative of the Mansfield Food Pantry that reminded the audience of how many people are being helped in our immediate county.

I walked away with a renewed sense of appreciation for what I have in life as well as the perfect reminder to give when I can. These young women should be proud of the effort they made to bring a global problem to our attention in such a concrete and moving way.



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Oxfam International is a group of organizations working towards ending poverty. Monday's event highlighted the problems of poverty and hunger for Mansfield students.



# Men's spring trends include leather, neons and trench coats

By **KIMBERLEE BLOCKER**  
*Flashlight Fashion Writer*

We've already established what spring trends are in for the women. Now it's time for the men!

That's right, there are spring trends for men besides sweatpants and a white t-shirt. Not only are these trends easy to wear and find, but they are also affordable.

Are you the type of guy who cringes when you see patterns? Or do you keep your outfit to the bare minimum? Well, add some interest to your outfit with a leather jacket. The leather jacket is a big trend for men this year. It helps those afraid to experiment with patterns and colors give their wardrobe an edgier look. The leather jacket also goes with almost every outfit. This is not to say you should wear it with every single item in your closet. Keep it simple with jeans, button down shirts and khakis.

Dark colors are fine for cooler climates, but warmer temperatures call for palette-cleansing white. Instead of a bright white shirt that highlights your off-season paleness, try white jeans to shift the focus to your lower half. White is ideal for casual weekend activities, like barbecues and trips to the farmer's market. White jeans can easily be elevated with a crisp blazer and a button-front shirt, but they should not be worn during the evening.



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Wearing white jeans in spring can draw paleness away from white winter arms.

This spring is all about contrasting color. Traditional china blue with a white collar is a safe style color code, but a standard one. Don't be afraid to experiment with colors and patterns. But remember, even if the body of the shirt is dark, wash it with light colors or you'll risk muddying that crisp white collar.

Love the look and feel of a 3-piece



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Leather jackets are already a big favorite of celebs like Justin Timberlake and rapper T.I. Paired with a t-shirt and jeans, leather makes anyone look casual and cool.

suit? You're in luck because 3-piece suits are making a strong comeback in spring menswear trends. Nobody wants to dress like a banker these days. Instead, it is better to have your suit convey a contemporary sensibility. Subtle patterns--small checks, plaids and pinstripes--offer added interest to your look. For important occasions, wear the full suit. But for everyday wear, split it up: drop the jacket for a cooler look, or pair the vest with jeans to give your look a sharper and more urban look.

Neon colors are big this spring! We've learned a style lesson or two since the 80s outburst of neon. Today's flashes of brilliance should be administered in smaller measures, says Eric Jennings, the fashion director for menswear at Saks Fifth Avenue. "It's picking that one pop of neon--maybe a watch or sneakers or the back of a collar--and pairing it with subdued colors," he says. Wear this style only if you want to make a statement. You can sneak a subtle jolt of neon into a variety of outfits, as long as you have the confidence to wear it proudly.

A lightweight trench is surprisingly versatile, making it the ideal outerwear for spring. If beige is too traditional for your taste, Macy's Durand Guion suggests an unexpected pattern or color, like gray windowpane plaid. A short trench that reaches mid-thigh is another way to keep it modern. This new way of wearing the classic trench is to dress up or down, so you can wear it with a T-shirt or a tuxedo. Golden rule: No matter the weather, resist the temptation to wear a hat with it!

## Tech Talk with Emily: Regrown Limbs Anyone?

By **EMILY MILLER**  
*Special to the Flashlight*

Salamanders don't worry about losing an arm; they just regrow a new one. But how?

One molecule could be the cause of their limb-sprouting ability, according to a new study that could also help to grow the field of human regenerative medicine. However for now and the near distant future, the ability to regenerate human body parts remains a fantasy.

While the stem-cell research required in regenerative medicine has encountered some political barriers, President Obama is changing that. Private stem-cell funding has begun to step up, but still the many scientific unknowns of regenerating limbs and organs have halted any real progress.

The first promising study happened a few years ago, when a man from Cincinnati accidentally severed a fingertip. He applied a substance to the injury made from dried and crushed cells of a pig's bladder to promote tissue regeneration. The tip of his finger grew back within six weeks, though this is a single case and just a bit of the finger grew back.

It should also be clear that the finger would have most likely healed on its own. However, a new study, published in the Nov. 2 issue of the journal "Science," showed a particular protein called N-acetyl-beta-D-glucosaminidase or NAG helps to stimulate the growth of stem cells that ultimately form new limbs in red-spotted newts, a type of salamander. The way to describe how stem cells work is to say they have the ability to differentiate, or specialize into various different tissues that are needed to create body parts. This means stem cells have the potential to turn into any tissue that is needed.

In such amphibians, like the newt, when the loss of a limb occurs, stem cells located in the region regress to a time when they were cells that were not specialized, this process called de-differentiation. These stem cells then grow and divide at the tip where the limb used to be, and give rise to the new limb. However, studies from the University College of London have shown that the nerves are critical to the regrowth of the limb and must stay intact to stimulate the production of the protein.

The big question is whether the same regenerative mechanism applies to humans. The key to the regrowth of human limbs remains hidden, and can only be discovered through vigorous testing. We must first figure out if there is a human equivalent to the way that salamanders from limbs that have been amputated.

Some people are concerned with the side of ethics and any negative side effects and that information is the key to understanding it. He brings up a valid point and one that many people have been things about for centuries. Can we regrow human limbs without compromising our ethics? That question is as obscure as the key to regeneration itself and will only come about in time.

It is possible that one day we will have the ability to regenerate human limbs, but that doesn't mean human-limb regeneration is right around the corner, not by a long shot.

"Tech Talk" is a new column by English major Emily Miller.

If you have questions or comments for Emily, please email The Flashlight at [flashlight@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlight@mansfield.edu)



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Could newts hold the key to limb regeneration? A new study has found that the protein NAG in red-spotted newts help the growth of stem cells that allows for the animal to regrow its limbs. If humans could utilize stem cells in the same way that newts do, a number of body part and tissue could possibly be regenerated for those that need it.



# Facebook agrees to reevaluate web site after new layout fails to impress followers

By NANCY EDWARDS

Flashlight Writer

Not many people like change and that was made obvious a few weeks ago when Facebook released design changes.

Facebook, the popular social networking site, made changes to its web page that caused much dismay among its users. Petition groups were started immediately to campaign against the upgrade. About 2 million users lobbied to have the changes revoked. Their voices were heard and Facebook has agreed to reanalyze the latest changes.

Chris Cox, Facebook Director of Product posted a message last week on the web site explaining that changes will be made in regards to user feedback. He also explained that it is hard to please every user with upgrades.

"Redesigns are generally hard to manage, in part because change is always hard and in part because we may miss improvements that any individual user may like to see," Cox said.

The overall look of the web site changed



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Facebook could have felt pressure to redesign its web site because of the new internet craze Twitter, which allows users to leave short messages about what they are doing at that very moment from a computer or cell phone.

as well as some of the features. Many users complained that it copied the look of Twitter, another social network/blog web site. Unhappy users argued against the new "Twitterbook" in petition groups titled "MEMBERS WANT THE OLD FACEBOOK BACK!" and "One Million Against the New Facebook."

This is not the first time that Facebook has changed their web site for its users. It was only a few months ago that Facebook re-vamped their web site, which caused a similar type of uproar. Those changes were left in place and eventually the rage died down when the users became

more familiar with the new site.

Facebook listens carefully to their users responses. They implemented a "thumbs up/thumbs down" survey for the users. Of those users who participated, about two million disliked the changes. The survey resulted in Facebook agreeing to analyze their changes. It only makes sense to listen to the users since they're the ones who operate the site on a daily basis.

According to CNN.com, some of the changes being analyzed are live updating, photo tags, applications, highlights, requests and friend lists. One change that Facebook viewed

as an improvement is the live stream updating. This will enable users to see more information about their friends and eliminate the need to refresh the browser to see new items on their stream.

Critics argue that by surrendering to the users, Facebook will see future problems when changes need to be made to the site. It is true that it is impossible to please everyone and if Facebook continues to cave into negative feedback every time changes are made, the web site may be unable to advance for the better.

Regardless of the outcome of this current debacle, Facebook will continue to be a monopoly in the social networking world. Users will complain with every change, mainly because Facebook invites feedback and suggestions. It's up to the employees at Facebook to decide when to listen to the users and when to ignore them.

The timeline for when users should expect to see new improved changes is unknown, but is said to be within the next few weeks.

## "Knowing" not worth being known

By NICK ABEL

Flashlight Writer

When a time capsule is unearthed, people expect to uncover the past. But what if something from the past was also the key to the future? Such is the case in the film "Knowing."

The movie stars Nicolas Cage as John Koestler, a man whose personal tragedies have caused him to question his beliefs and faith in humanity. When a 50 year-old time capsule is removed from his son Caleb's school, Koestler discovers a document of numbers. At first glance, the paper appears to be little more than a random list of numerals. But upon closer inspection, Koestler notices a pattern, groups of dates and coordinates.

He quickly dismisses the numbers as mere coincidence, despite finding evidence that some of the dates correspond to tragic events that have occurred. But after one of the sequences is revealed to be the date and location of a plane crash, Koestler realizes that this piece of paper is more than it seems. It is in fact a prophecy, a prediction of destruction and death.

What terrifies him more is the end of the list, which are the numbers that have yet to occur. Koestler fears that as the sequence comes to an end, the devastation will only get worse, possibly even world-threatening. When a group of mysterious people begin following he and Caleb, Koestler believes that his son is somehow connected to the list and, in turn, the fate of mankind. He begins a dangerous journey to uncover the origin of the numbers, hoping to unlock their secrets before it's too late.

Aside from the main story, the film is entertaining but somewhat unorthodox. Many world annihilation movies suffer from over-the-top scenes and effects, and this is true here as well. The special effects images are dazzling but linger too long on the screen, forcing the viewer to watch a downed plane burn for nearly ten



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Nicholas Cage's film "Knowing" has grossed a total of \$46.2 million in the U.S. since being released March 20.

minutes.

The acting is unbelievable, especially regarding the lead role by Cage. Though he and co-star Rose Byrne do what they can, some of the dialogue is ridiculous and unnecessary. Cage is convincing as a concerned yet troubled father, but his character's overreactions and delusions become a hindrance to the film.

Unfortunately, "Knowing" is yet another disaster film that fails to produce a compelling plot. Though

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# HAPPY APRIL

## A Mystery of its History

The fact is that no one really knows the origins of April Fool's. As strange a day as it is, there is no actual time period when it began. References have been found in the fifteenth century of a day of foolery, but no explanation has been given for why it began.

According to the Museum of Hoaxes, some historians believe the holiday started in medieval France. Many European countries during this time period celebrated the New Year on April 1, but in 1564 France adopted the Gregorian calendar that celebrated the New Year on January 1. Many of the people out in the country did not receive this information as fast as those in the town, so they still celebrated the New Year on April 1 and were so named "April Fools" for their ignorance. This theory has been doubted since it has no historical backing and because other countries were already celebrating the holiday by this time.

Another theory was proposed by Boston University professor of history, Joseph Boskin, in 1983. Boskin told the Associated Press that during Constantine's reign a group of court jesters led by one named Kugel were sent to the emperor to make a jester king for a day. Constantine agreed, and Kugel was appointed king for one day. Kugel announced that the day would be a day of absurdity throughout the land and the day then became an annual tradition. Boskin's story was published in a number of newspapers, but it wasn't until a couple weeks after April 1 that the Associated Press learned that Boskin had made up the entire story-- it was his April's Fools Day prank.

**Fools Around  
the World:**

## France's April Fish

In France, April 1 is called Poisson d'Avril or April Fish. On April Fish, a paper fish is stuck to an unsuspecting person's back. Once they notice the fish, the prankster shouts "Poisson d'Avril!" There are stories that in the past a real dead fish was used.



# APRIL FOOL'S DAY

## Best April Fool's Day Pranks

*The Museum of Hoax rated the Top 100 April Fool's Day Pranks on their web site [museumofhoaxes.com](http://museumofhoaxes.com). Here are the top five.*

1. **BBC and the spaghetti trees.** In 1957, the BBC show "Panorama" reported that Swiss spaghetti farmers would have a large bumper crop that year thanks to a mild winter and the termination of the spaghetti weevil. Many viewers called the station and wanted to know how to grow a spaghetti tree.
2. **Sports Illustrated's Sidd Finch.** In 1985, the sports magazine ran a fake profile about a rookie baseball player named Sidd Finch. It was said that Finch could pitch a baseball at 168 m.p.h. and that the rookie was supposed to be signed by the Mets. The magazine wrote that Finch had never played baseball but was taught "the art of pitch" at a monastery in Tibet. *Sports Illustrated* was flooded with letters from excited Met fans who wanted more information on the player.
3. **Kjell Stensson and the instant color television.** Kjell Stensson was the supposed "technical expert" of Sweden's only television channel in 1962. The channel only broadcast in black and white, but Stensson appeared on the news one night and told viewers they could turn their television program into color by stretching a nylon stocking over their TV screen. Stensson fooled thousand of Swedes into trying the bizarre instant color method.
4. **The Taco Liberty Bell.** In 1996, the Taco Bell Corporation angered hundreds of U.S. citizens when they announced that they had purchased Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and were going to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. Citizens flooded Philadelphia's National Park Service (home of the bell) with irate calls. The park service arranged a news conference and announced that the bell had not been and will never be sold. Taco Bell was delighted with their hoax and gave \$50,000 to help with the upkeep of the bell.
4. **The Guardian and the island of San Serriffe.** *The Guardian* is a British newspaper that in 1977 published a seven page supplement to their edition about the island of San Serriffe. The island was described as semi-colon shaped republic in the Indian Ocean that was made of up of two isles: the Upper Caisse and the Lower Caisse. The capital of San Serriffe was Bodoni and the country was ran by General Pica. What many people failed to notice about the island and it's history is that all the names were based on desktop publishing terms; San Serif is a type style, upper and lower case are letter forms, Bodoni a common font and pica is a linear unit used in desktop publishing. People called the office wanting to know more about this holiday type island.

## India's Holi Day



India does not celebrate April Fool's Day, but they do have a two day festival known as Holi, which is a celebration of good over evil. Two major events of the festival are an evening of bonfires and a festival of colors. During the festival of colors, people run around and smear different paint colors on each others' faces. The colors symbolize joy and color in one's life.

# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

*Forget about May flowers. April showers bring wet pranksters...*



Good morning, good afternoon and good evening kids. Welcome to April! This is my favorite month of the whole year, because in just a few days, it will be my birthday! (Electronic birthday cards may be sent to me at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).)

April has many claims to fame, but two of my favorites are the showers and the fools. Showers need no explanation. I just

love rain - the smell of it, the way it turns everything green after a long winter, the way it seems to wash everything clean - all of it. As for fools, don't make the mistaken assumption that I'm a sucker for unintelligent guys. (Not true. My boyfriend, seen in the photo to the left, beat my GPA last semester, and the punk still won't let me forget it.) The fools I love are all of the pranks and pranksters that surround April Fool's Day.

I like to think that I'm a bit of a prankster myself, but I won't bore you by recapping my finest pranking moments. (For more information on the people I've hoodwinked best, inquire with the upperclassmen on the baseball team.) As such, I

appreciate a great prank.

One of my favorites was delivered in an article in 1985. As a journalist, an 80s baby and a Mets fan, this prank is held in high esteem in my mind. A writer named George Plimpton published an article on April 1 of that year, describing a new addition to the New York Mets spring training camp in Florida. The 28-year-old pitcher was introduced to three team veterans during the camp and introduced to the world through Plimpton's article in Sports Illustrated (SI).

Sidd Finch, as the phenom pitcher was known, could throw 168 mph after learning "the art of the pitch" studying in Tibet. SI was inundated with thousands of responses from doubters questioning the article and from Mets fans hoping for a miracle.

It was later revealed that Plimpton had pulled a

memorable prank on all SI readers with his fictitious article. The only clues given to readers (besides the obvious impossibility of the whole scenario) was a message left in the tag line. The first letter of each word spelled out "Happy April Fool's Day."

Sadly, as baseball season approaches, the Mets have not announced a Sidd Finch in the line-up, but I'm hopeful nonetheless, for a great season. (I'm also hoping we can forget the shortcomings of our club the past two seasons. Don't collapse boys!)

Enjoy April, readers-the showers and the fools. If you encountered a particularly great prank this week, tell us about it. Feel free to e-mail us at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu) to share something about April, April Fool's Day, baseball season or anything else you want.

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Tell us your thoughts on *The Flashlight*. What would you like to see?

Letters to the Editor are accepted and encouraged.

Submit letters and questions via e-mail to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu) by noon Monday.

## Fun Fact of the Week

*"A new study, currently underway at Harvard University has released preliminary results of the initial studies that show students can learn through the process of osmosis by sleeping on a text book before an exam."*

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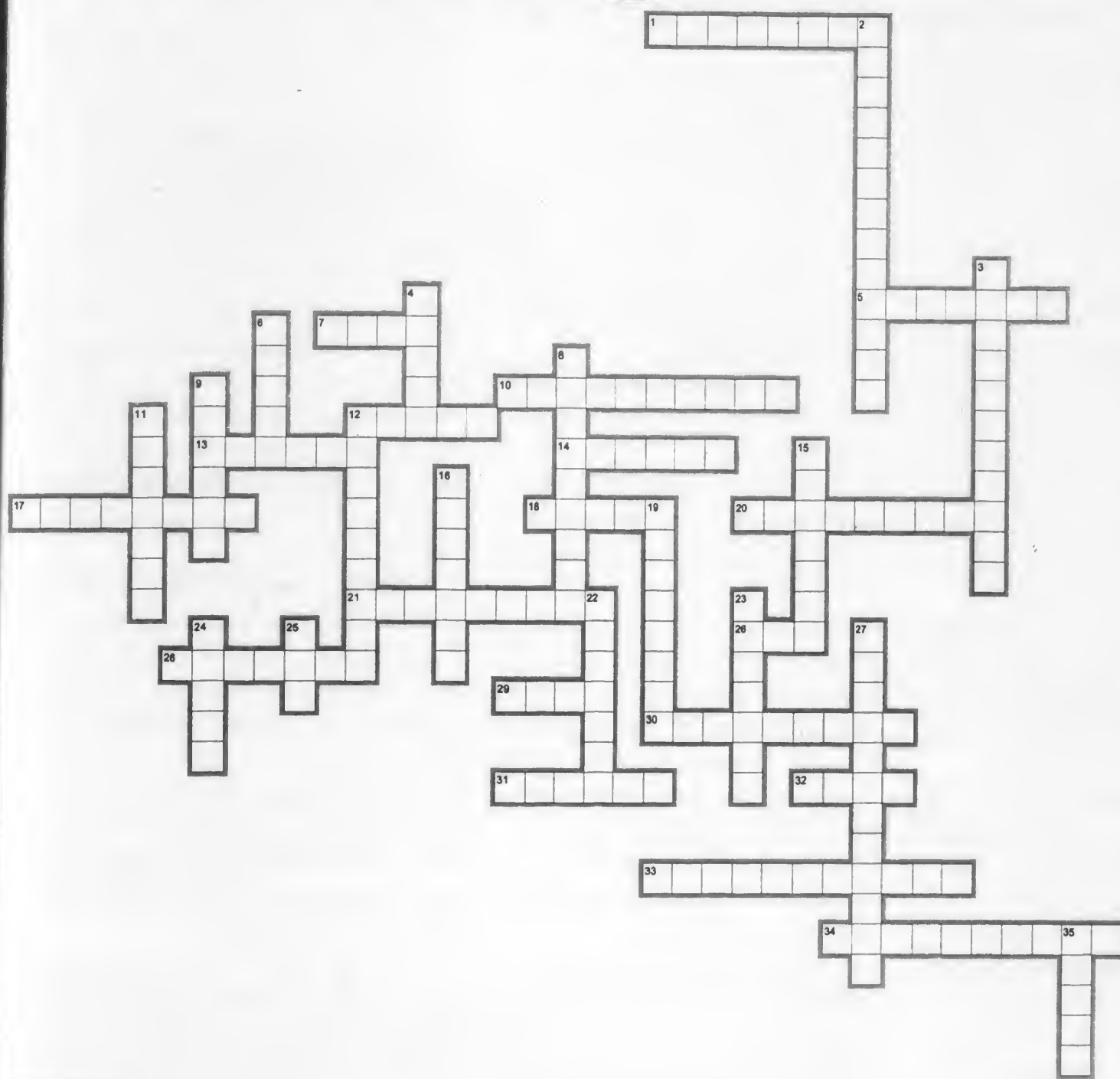
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# Flashlight Puzzle Page



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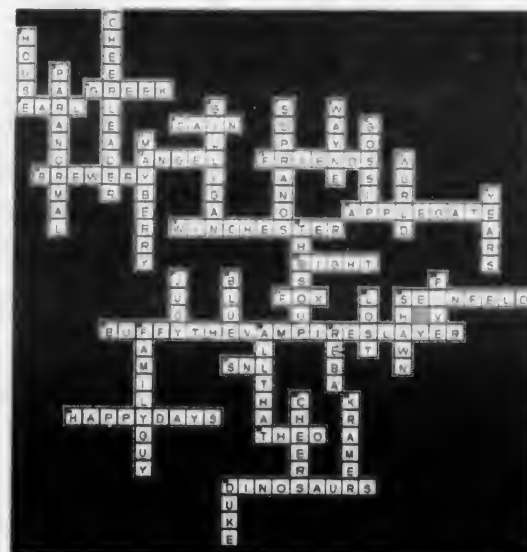
1. Extreme anxiety or fear that something bad is going to happen.
5. You put this cream in the hand of a sleeping person, then tickle his nose.
7. Norse god of mischief, known for his trickery and ability to change form.
10. Joke involving tapping on a door.
12. British comedy troupe "\_\_\_ Python."
13. Fruit peel that if thrown on the ground may cause an accident.
14. "Smile! You're On \_\_\_ Camera!"
17. Heath Ledger's Oscar winning role.
18. In complete disorder, topsy-\_\_\_\_\_.
20. "Jackass" host Johnny \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Someone who tricks.
22. Baked dish lined with pastry crust and often filled with sweet or creamy filling, which can be thrown in someone's face.
28. The name of the devil

29. Bag of this is left on fire on a door step as a prank.
30. Condition when both eyes are turned toward each other
31. Joker of the king's court.
32. April Fool's Day in France is April \_\_\_\_\_.
33. Comedian and TV host Howie Mandel suffers from this mental illness.
34. To pull down another person's pants in order to cause him embarrassment.

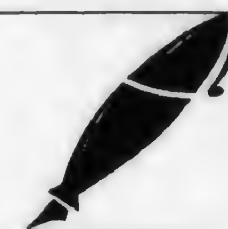
## Down

2. April 1st Holiday.
3. In 1996, Taco Bell supposedly bought this Philly landmark.
4. Presidential mask often used in bank robberies.
6. Killer in the movie "It."
8. Actor who was sprayed in the face by a microphone at the London premiere of "War of the World."
9. "I'm \_\_\_\_\_, you're glue.""
11. A cushion that making farting noises when sat on
12. Alice has a tea party with the March Hare and the \_\_\_\_\_. (2 words).
15. Dustin Hoffman's cross-dressing comedy
16. Marx brother with big nose, big eye brows and big glasses.
19. Singer of "Amish Paradise" Weird Al \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Rodney Dangerfield "gets no \_\_\_\_\_."
23. To play dead or play \_\_\_\_\_ like the rodent of the same name.
24. Former Ashton Kutcher prank show on MTV
25. Acronym for funny home video show on ABC.
27. 1950S slapstick trio featuring Larry, Mo and Curly.
35. "Sticks and stones can break my bones, but \_\_\_\_\_ will never hurt me.""

Solution to last week's puzzle:



# The Flashlight: Letters to the Editor...



## Feature editorial from a features writer

Dear Editor,

After reading your editorial in last week's issue on lack of student response here at MU, I felt compelled to write you. Not only because that's what the article called for but also because I share your sentiment on how uninterested students seem to be on campus.

As a writer for the Flashlight, I make an attempt to write album reviews on a weekly basis; whether or not they meet deadline requirements is a different story. Sometimes, I wonder do my album reviews have the ability to alter or enhance the readers opinion on the particular artists and albums I write about. Sure that is it's purpose, however how am I to know. It's not like people are giving feedback immediately after reading them, the most I get is someone telling me they've seen my reviews as if that limited feedback is sufficient. I write the reviews and all my articles, simply out of personal enjoyment not for feedback yet I find myself increasing yearning for some kind of response. I mean come on people, throw me a bone. Clearly, you can see my complete understanding of your feelings.

I'm aware as Editor In Chief, you are "*suppose*" to not have the same nonchalant attitude because as the head of this organization you must represent it as professionally as possible. With that being said, you can not force people to respond and give you feedback no matter how hard you try. This is obviously evident by the lack of response to the ads asking for opinions and feedback.

In my three years at MU, I

have seen students complain about everything from Manser's menu to the length of classes. As you can see nothing has been done to alter either one of these issues, even though class times did change, I'm sure that's not the change those seeking it were hoping for. Due to the lack of progress made on campus when it comes to students pushing for change, I've come to the conclusion that our generation has complaints for days but very few solutions. It would be unfair of me to say that about everyone in our generation, maybe it's just those who attend Mansfield University, that lack solutions for issues, they complain about. Whether or not this is a fair assessment is totally up to those who read it. But then again, I don't think I'll have to worry about getting any feedback on this from anybody besides you, since nobody takes the initiative to voice their opinions even when asked.

It appears our generation is more comfortable expressing their grievances through Facebook statuses then writing into their local or campus newspaper and expressing their thoughts. Of course you and I are guilty of this as well however, what separates us from the pack is that we have opinions and we want them to be heard. We want them to create conversation and even cause controversy if necessary. I'm sure there are others share our disposition and they will be the ones who respond and give their feedback.

Since I believe in that minority and their ability to respond when called upon. I am willing to put my proverbial backside on the line so that you know your hard work is not in vein.

Hopefully this letter will ignite the flame that's needed to get people on campus talking and for them to realize that no matter how outlandish or too far right or too far left their opinions are, they are still needed. Too many of us spend countless hours complaining about what needs to be changed on this campus, yet we offer no logical long term solutions.

As you issued a challenge last week to "see a more motivated Mansfield campus..." I am also issuing a challenge, for not only this campus but for people worldwide, to become the change, they seek. If you really want your opinion to be heard and are seeking change, first a change must occur within you then you can offer new, thoughtful ideas to motivate others into also wanting that same change.

Thank you Beka for motivating me to voice my opinion and if we're lucky I've pass the motivation along to someone else with writing this letter.

Thank you for wanting my feedback.

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Flashlight Features Writer/Change Enthusiast

## You have a voice...use it!

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment over the lack of use of the "Prez Says" section of the paper. This section gives the students of our university an opportunity to write in a question or concern to President Loeschke or student government president

Shantee Proctor. This is a luxury offered to our students by these two individuals that hasn't been utilized to its best potential nor is this something offered by some other campus newspapers.

I attended the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting Monday night as a representative for The Flashlight. President Loeschke was in attendance in order to discuss different topics such as the movie theatre project and the flagpole project. Several students then had questions for her, mostly about issues like funding and campus improvement plans.

While I am glad that students were voicing questions and concerns, I would like to remind students that the newspaper is another way to get questions answered. Furthermore, the questions the students were asking started to veer off topic of the issues President Loeschke came to discuss. The meeting went longer than anticipated due to these particular questions being asked.

It wasn't the most appropriate time or place to ask some of those particular questions. Only a limited amount of students were at the SGA meeting, so that meant only those students heard President Loeschke's responses. I am sure there are other students that would've been interested in hearing President Loeschke's responses to the wide variety of questions. Again, this is why the "Prez Says" section exists in this paper.

Make your voice heard and get your questions answered simply by writing an e-mail. I believe that the newspaper is an excellent tool that students do not utilize enough. You can't get the answers you desire if you don't ask the questions.

Jill Kauffman



# Flashlight Comics



Col. Sanders' April Fool's Day Prank



Why Alfred Finally Quit

## Watch your money at work

The Committee of Finance (COF) allocates and monitors funds collected from the student activity fee's that are used to promote the general academic, social and cultural welfare of the campus. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact COF chairperson Beka Brown at [brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu) or COF secretary Kris Dumschat at [dumschatk17@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:dumschatk17@mounties.mansfield.edu).

The committee met last Thursday, March 26, and allocated funds for the following groups:

**The Flashlight** was allocated \$4,103.89.00 for extra printing costs and a new printer.

**Student Activities Office** was allocated \$300.00 for food for students involved in Easter Egg Hunt event.

**SIFE** was allocated \$3,049.79 for 15 students to attend two competitions and a conference.

**SAE** was allocated \$1,568 for two members to attend a leadership conference.

Remaining emergency account (as of 2/12/09): \$129,702.76

Remaining capital account (as of 2/12/09): \$79,800.33

Have a question for SGA president Shantee Proctor or university president Maravene Louschke?

Send it in to the new "Ask the President" column and get answers!

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# Baseball breaks four game losing streak with wins at Lake Erie

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

Mansfield University's baseball team dropped back-to-back double headers against West Chester University before defeating Lake Erie College on Tuesday, March 31.

The Mountaineers lost their first pair of games 4-3 and 9-1 against West Chester at Serpico Stadium on Friday, March 27.

The opener was a constant back-and-forth battle, with West Chester scoring and Mansfield coming back in the next few innings to tie things up. West Chester started things off with their short stop Nick Spisak scoring a run in the bottom of the first, but Mansfield retaliated in the top of the second when their own short stop, Mike Hartz, hit an RBI single to bring in Chris Miller. In the bottom of the inning, the Golden Rams struck again, picking up two more runs produced from a fielding error by Kevin Miller and a wild pitch by Irv Sleighter.

"Right now, two of our key guys haven't been pitching much," head coach Harry Hillson said. "Trevor Tellip has a sore arm and Irv's elbow has been bothering him. It's just a matter of getting him back to All-Conference status and we'll be good to go with our pitching."

Mansfield came back once more, scoring two runs in the top of the fourth. C. Miller hit a sacrifice fly into center to bring in senior Cody Stinger and was followed by a Nate Grove double into center to tie things up 3-3.

However, while things remained a constant tug-of-war throughout the first four innings, the rope was cut in the bottom of the fifth. West Chester pulled a double steal with two outs and Joe Wendle stole home for the final game-winning run. Both teams were unable to score any more runs throughout the following one and a half innings and the Mountaineers were left staring at a 4-3 defeat and their fifth PSAC East loss of the season.

The team's first loss to West Chester came after back-to-back losses to Kutztown University the previous weekend.

"We've been struggling recently, but Kutztown and West Chester are two of the best teams in the region," Hillson said. "It's hard to tell how we'll do down the stretch against some of the other teams, but I still feel as though we'll be one of the top teams as the season rolls on."

Joe Will pitched the final two innings of the game for Mansfield and picked up his second loss of the season after relieving Sleighter at the mound in the bottom of the fifth. Despite allowing only one hit and one run, he let West Chester's game-winning run on base. Before being relieved, Sleighter allowed seven hits and three runs.

Hartz, Grove and C. Miller led the team in batting and with an RBI each. Hartz went 2-3 from the plate while Grove went 1-3 and

C. Miller went 1-2.

"This is Hartz's first year playing and he's been doing a great job," Hillson said. "Kevin Miller is also doing well as a freshman for us in the outfield and behind the plate. Kevin has been starting as our lead off guy in the batting rotation and Coleman has stepped up as well."

The nightcap didn't produce any better results for the Mountaineers, and the team lost the second game of the day 9-1.

Despite striking first in the top of the third with a Tony Battisti RBI double into left center, West Chester picked up five runs in the bottom of the inning to take the lead. The Golden Rams then went on to score four more runs in the fifth and sixth innings, sweeping Mansfield in the second game of the day.

The Golden Rams out-hit Mansfield 10-4, but Battisti led the Mountaineers going 1-2 from the plate with an RBI. Coleman also contributed to the Mountaineer offense, going 1-2 and bringing in the team's only run.

Eric Rosenberger picked up the loss for Mansfield, going 4 1/3 innings before being relieved by freshman Jordan Garcia in the bottom of the fifth. Rosenberger allowed eight hits and seven runs on the night, while walking one and hitting two.

The Mountaineers dropped another pair of games the following day, losing 3-1 and 12-5 despite the home field advantage.

West Chester started things out with two runs in the first and a homer from Bob Stumpo into right field in the second to give them the early 3-0 lead. C. Miller reacted in the bottom of the inning with a solo home run of his own, but the Mountaineers would be unable to advance the score any further.

Despite picking up the loss, sophomore Chris Zelko pitched a complete game for the Mountaineers, allowing seven hits and three runs while striking out four. His record fell to 2-3, while West Chester's David Slusser's record improved to 4-1 on the season after allowing only one hit and one run the entire game.

"Chris Zelko is really coming along," Hillson said. "At the moment, he's our most consistent pitcher and we have him in the conference rotation because of it. We have some good young pitchers with Zelko and Andy Young."

In the nightcap, West Chester kept the momentum going in their direction with three runs in the first inning and four in the third when a grand slam from Kyle Orensky gave the Golden Rams a commanding 7-1 lead. West Chester picked up four more runs in the top of the fourth before Mansfield started a comeback in the bottom of the fifth.

Brian Danner, pinch hitting for Jared Johnson, singled through the left side and was brought in by Matt Young three batters later. Stinger persued, doubling down the left field

line to bring in K. Miller and was followed by K. Miller's older brother, C. Miller, who hit a two RBI single into right field.

However, despite picking up four runs in the fifth, West Chester was able to pick up one more run in the top of the sixth, capping off the 12-5 win.

Senior Tyler Noel started out pitching for Mansfield, allowing seven hits, seven runs and hitting two batters throughout the first two innings. His record dropped to 1-6 on the season. He was relieved by freshman Andy Young and junior Bernard Johnson who combined to pitch the final five innings of the game. A. Young allowed five hits and four runs throughout the third, fourth and fifth innings while B. Johnson allowed one hit and one run throughout the final two.

"In order to win, you have to hit, field and pitch and we haven't put all three of those things together yet," Hillson said. "On the days that we pitch well, we haven't hit well and on the days that we hit well, our pitching hasn't backed us up. Once we start pulling all three of those things together, we'll start winning games."

C. Miller led the Mountaineer offense going 2-2 from the plate with two RBIs while Danner also contributed, going 2-3 with one run.

"Despite the loss, we swung the bat pretty good against West Chester," Hillson said. "We're just hoping that balls roll our way a little more. We haven't had a whole lot of luck lately in that department."

The baseball team finally broke their four game losing streak the following Tuesday when they swept Lake Erie 19-4 and 4-3 in an away double-header.

Unlike the previous games, Mansfield went on an early 6-0 lead over the first three innings. Stinger homered in the first to bring in two runs, Drew Bair doubled down the left field line in the second to bring in Grove. Stinger, Coleman and Miller all scored in the third to put the team ahead.

"We're just starting to get things straightened out," Hillson said prior to the game. "We got beat up playing Kutztown and we were tired of getting beat. Baseball is a game where you don't dwell on the past though. We're all looking forward to tomorrow - that's how baseball goes. When one game ends, a new game and a new chance to do well is only a few days away."

Lake Erie made a comeback in the bottom of the third, making the score 6-4, but their luck would stop there. Mansfield picked up four more runs in both the fourth and sixth innings and five more runs in the top of the fifth, giving them the 19-4 win. It was the most runs scored by a Mountaineer team since 2006. C. Miller had a two RBI homer in the fourth and a two RBI double in the fifth, while Ratchford had a two RBI double in the sixth.



PHOTO BY ADAM MURLAND

Cody Stinger hit a two RBI home run in the first inning of the game against Lake Erie to give Mansfield the lead and their first win after a four game losing streak.

Mansfield out-hit Lake Erie 22-4 in the opener. Stinger went 4-5 behind the plate with a double, a home run and two RBIs. Coleman went 4-6 with a double and three RBIs. Miller went 3-5 with a double, home run and five RBIs and Bair went 2-3 with a double and three RBIs.

Young picked up the win for Mansfield, allowing only four hits and three runs throughout the first four innings and improving his record to 2-0. He was relieved by Shane Ryan in the fifth and Zach Ullrich in the seventh.

In the nightcap, Mansfield scored two runs in the first inning when K. Miller and M. Young scored off of two Lake Erie fielding errors. They would score once more in the top of the seventh when Battisti hit a sacrifice fly into right field to bring in J. Johnson, before Lake Erie attempted a comeback in the seventh. Their three runs were not enough to overcome the Mountaineers however, and Mansfield won their second game of the day 4-3.

Jordan Garcia picked up the win, allowing five hits but no runs throughout the first four innings. His record improves to 2-1. He was relieved by Will in the bottom of the fifth.

Mansfield currently holds a 12-22 overall record and an 0-8 record in the PSAC East.

The team's next game is home against Bloomsburg University at home on Friday, April 3 at 1 p.m.



# Softball sweeps Clarion and Gannon, but splits IUP

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

The Mansfield University softball team swept Clarion University and Gannon University before splitting a double-header with Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) on Tuesday, March 31.

The teams first set of games against Clarion on March 27 resulted in 10-6 and 8-7 wins for the Mountaineers.

In the opener, the Golden Eagles struck first, scoring a total of five runs in the first and fourth innings, but Mansfield slowly chipped away at the lead. Janelle Antes scored on an error by Clarion's right fielder Katie Baun in the top of the third and Sarah Cullen hit an RBI single in the top of the fourth to get things moving. Erin Carroll managed a two RBI double to right field in the top of the fifth and then the team went all-out in the sixth, scoring six runs.

Carroll led the offense for the Mountaineers, going 4-4 at the plate with three RBIs. Antes, Cullen and Nicole Yost also contributed, with Antes going 2-5 with one RBI, Cullen going 2-4 with one RBI and Yost going 2-3 with one RBI.

Bishop picked up the win at the mound, allowing nine hits and six runs over the first five innings. She was relieved by Melissa Baer in the bottom of the sixth, who closed out the game allowing only one hit and no runs.

In the nightcap, Mansfield continued the

momentum and scored five runs off of six hits in the first inning. Clarion retaliated in the bottom of the inning, scoring two runs and gaining the lead after picking up four runs in the bottom of the third.

The Golden Eagles would score one more run in the fourth before Mansfield mounted a three run comeback in the top of the fifth to win the game.

Yost went 3-4 at the plate with two RBIs, while Ashley Gaisser went 2-4 with two RBIs.

Baer pitched a complete game for the Mountaineers, allowing seven hits, seven runs and seven walks over seven innings.

The team's next double-header was at home against Gannon University on Saturday, March 28 where the team swept the Golden Knights 4-3 and 1-0.

Gannon scored all three of their runs in the fourth inning, but Mansfield managed a late game hot streak, picking up three runs in the sixth to tie the game up 3-3. Going into extra innings, Gaisser's singled up the middle to bring in Katie McConville and the final game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth. Gaisser led the team's offense in the opener, going 2-4 from the plate with four RBIs.

Bishop picked up her second win in two days, allowing four hits and three runs over seven innings. Baer came in as relief in the eighth to close out the game.

In the nightcap, both teams were scoreless after seven regulation innings. The first

and only run of the night came from a McConville single to bring in Yost in the bottom of the 11.

Baer improved her pitching record to 4-4 with the shutout game, pitching all 11 innings and allowing only five hits.

"This was the first time we ever played Clarion or Gannon because of the new PSAC divisions," McConville said. "Against Gannon, we didn't know what to expect, so we just focused on playing the game our way and we came out with the wins. Gannon was a crazy day though, probably the longest day of softball I've ever had. I'm so proud of our team and the fact that we were able to stick it out. We showed a lot of heart."

The following Tuesday, the team split the double-header against IUP, losing the opener 2-1, but winning the nightcap 3-2.

Mansfield tied things up 1-2 in the opener during the fourth inning after Antes scored on a wild pitch, but IUP was able to retaliate in the bottom of the fifth to give the Crimson Hawks the win.

Baer picked up the loss after pitching six innings, allowing four hits and two runs while striking out three.

During the nightcap, Mansfield scored first, earning a run off of a Carroll single in the top of the first. IUP was able to pick up two more runs, but Mansfield scored twice off of a Yost home run in the top of the third and a Cullen home run in the fourth for the win.



PHOTO BY ADAM MURLAND

Senior co-captain Katie McConville singled in the 11 inning to bring in the game-winning run against Gannon University.

Bishop took the win after going six innings, allowing only three hits and one run. Baer came in as relief in the final inning, allowing one run off of three hits.

"We came out a little flat today and just didn't hit as well as we could have," McConville said. "However, in the second game we were more confident at the plate. Hopefully next time around we'll do the same and just consider today's game a lesson learned."

## Shane Chapman Editorial: female pitcher strikes out gender stereotypes

By SHANE CHAPMAN

Flashlight Sports Writer

You know the old saying, "You play like girl!" - well don't say that to Eri Yoshida.

For those who do not know Yoshida, she is the first female professional baseball player in Japan, breaking down stereotyped barriers that America may not be able to overcome. At just 16 years old, Yoshida was drafted by the Kobe 9 Cruise to pitch for their team. Kobe 9 Cruise is similar to a single A farm team when compared to the mainstream leagues in Japan.

Yoshida is a side-arm throwing knuckleballer, who has been playing the game of baseball, not softball, since the second grade. She became interested in pitching, particularly the knuckle ball, when she saw a video of the Boston Red Sox hurler, Tim Wakefield.

Female athletes are usually disadvantaged when stacked up against males in professional sports because of their size and Yoshida, if she followed the stereotype, would have that same disadvantage. At just five feet tall and 114 pounds, she is much smaller than most women her age, let alone the males in the sport. However, while questions of playing time circled the arena, it didn't take long to

see how much and how soon Yoshida would take the mound.

On March 27, opening day for the Kobe 9 Cruise baseball team, Yoshida saw her first opportunity to pitch. In the ninth inning she was brought in, but walked her first batter on four pitches. However, after getting rid of the butterflies, she came back to retire the next batter, who struck out swinging. No luck and no excuses - the batter swung right through it. Yoshida was taken out of the game following the strikeout.

"I wasn't thinking about anything other than just going out there and giving it my all," Yoshida said.

What Yoshida is doing for women in sports, not only in Japan, but across the world, is something no pitch or strikeout could ever do for a team. She is proof that women in sports can compete with men, that women have the ability to succeed within any athletic arena. While young girls may feel less feminine or like a "tom boy" for playing sports against boys, she's showing these girls that it's not only acceptable, but also possible that any one of them are capable to play.

At just 17-years-old, she was pitching for a professional baseball team. That doesn't

happen much here in the United States, for females and 17-year-olds alike. Our society here tends to believe that women should not play against, or with, men. When they do, they are less feminine. As I said earlier, this is a barrier that I don't believe America and our society is willing to rise above. While we are currently satisfied with Title IX, extending the right for women, to play against men, is another story.

When you walk down to Kelchner and see women playing with men in pick up games, they're not respected for their game and are usually ignored on the team. A common line is "Yeah we beat you and we had a girl on our team!" That alone shows that their game is not respected. If women have the ability and are willing to play against men, men should be willing to play against them.

As a man, I hope that women continue to succeed and that opportunities, such as the one granted to Yoshida, will be available here in America. These opportunities will continue the growth of sports in America and continue to make them better. After hearing about this story of a woman playing in professional baseball, I'd be fine being told I play like a girl!



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Eri Yoshida is the first female professional baseball player in Japan. She signed a contract to play for the Kobe 9 Cruise in December, but has been playing baseball since the second grade.



# Mallory Moore and Mike Gray awarded Winter Athlete of the Year

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

Mansfield University held its annual Winter Sports Banquet on Thursday, March 26 in South Hall to honor the outstanding athletes from this past winter sports season.

Athletes involved in swimming, men's and women's basketball, cheerleading and indoor track and field were recognized.

Roger Maisner, director of athletics, began the night by inviting President Marvene Loeschke to say a few words about Mansfield's athletes.

"Thank you for the kinds of ambassadors you are," Loeschke said. "You represent our campus beautifully."

After dinner, head men's basketball coach, Rich Miller, started the evening recapping the 08-09 season.

"We started out the season with the opportunity to play against Binghamton University, who then went on to play in the NCAA tournament this March," Miller said. "It was great experience for the guys to be able to play tough, physical games early on in the season - experience that helped them later in the year."

This season's accomplishments included the men's basketball team leading the PSAC East in free throw percentage, improving their defense by holding teams to an average of 72.1 points per game, sophomore Yuseff Carr earning All-PSAC honors, freshman Tony Fannick receiving the Freshman of the Year award and the team making it to the first round of the PSAC playoffs.

"We always want to win more games, but it was a fun year," Miller said. "Hopefully, next year we'll be able to come back and go a little further in the conference playoffs."

Before announcing the Most Improved Player (MIP) and Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the year, Miller took a moment to recognize the team's only senior - Chris Greene.

"We had a great four years with Chris," Miller said. "He's a true example of a student athlete. If you only have one senior, he's the one you want to have."

MVP was awarded to Carr, while MIP was awarded to Chris Pender.

"Yuseff was in the top 15 in scoring and blocked shots in the PSAC and had an outstanding year for us," Miller said. "With Pender, we didn't know who would take Kevin Hill's place from last year as a scoring threat, but Pender was second in the league in three-point shots made and he's a smart player."

Up next to the podium was head women's basketball coach, Ruth Hermansen. Despite winning only seven games this season and not making an appearance at the PSAC playoffs, Hermansen relayed words of inspiration for her team as well as the highlights from the season.

"We're looking to improve for next year

and I've already seen an amazing post-season commitment from the returning players," Hermansen said. "We had five players ranked in the Division II standings, the most ranked ever, and we return three of those five players next season. Additionally, we beat Bloomsburg, Kutztown and Cheyney which were great wins down the stretch and I know that the league is going to force us to improve in the future."

Hermansen also mentioned the team's trip to Anchorage, AK earlier in the season.

"As assistant coach Ryan Van Noy said, 'Who'd have thought, coming to Mansfield University, that all of these opportunities would be provided for us.'"

Freshman Rebecca Pollack was awarded MIP on the season and, despite Clarissa Correll, Nicole Pender and Mallory Moore all receiving votes, Courtney Brooks was named MVP of the 08-09 women's basketball season.

"Brooks plays both end of the court and isn't selfish," Hermansen said. "She was ranked 27 in the nation in steals per game and was our second highest scorer in points per game. Rebecca had our second leading rebounding average this season and started in 13 of 20 games as a freshman. She puts in extra time on her own and I don't know where we'd be without the added depth that she brings."

Coach Ian Coffey was the third individual to take the podium and commented on his first year as head coach of the women's swim team.

"As the year went on, I became more and more impressed," Coffey said. "The girls put forth their best effort and improved - which is all I ever asked for. Coaches would come up to me and say 'boy, you guys are going to be really good,' and I'd have to agree. We won two meets this season because of their efforts and I can't tell you how many personal bests we've gotten this year. We did great at the conference championship and I'd just like to say thank you to the swimmers for sticking it out this year with me."

MVP was awarded by a unanimous decision to senior Tricia Learn, while the MIP award was given to sophomore Megan Smickley.

"Tricia is a great leader and a hard worker and the decision to make her MVP was really a no-brainer," Coffey said. "Beyond that, she had a very successful year, breaking the school record in the 200 Individual Medley (IM) at the PSAC Championships. Megan worked hard and embraced the program and she was a pleasure to coach. She had a dramatic drop in time throughout the season and she'll be a great leader for years to come."

Dr. Bob Maris, head coach of the cheerleading team, came to the podium next with an inflated admiration for his squad that provoked laughter from the audience.

"We have the world's best cheerleaders," Maris said. "Other's try, but they never come

up to our standards. [Laughs] But in all sincerity, I'd choose the whole team to be the MVP if I could. They are a great group of girls and I couldn't be more proud."

After a team vote, Mary Sooy was named team MVP.

The final coach to come to the podium was assistant track and field coach, Tim McAninch. Due to the scheduling of spring break, the majority of the track and field team was in Raleigh, NC and was unable to attend the banquet.

McAninch highlighted the men's second place win at the CTC Championship and their ninth place finish at the PSACs.

"Joe Stanek, Sean Vollenweider, Ryan Derweiller, Nathan McNabb, Justen Johnson, Henry Potter and Craig Barber all made it to the PSACs this season," McAninch said. "Additionally, Barber is a freshman record holder, McNabb was the CTC champion in the mile run, and Potter broke a school record in the 600."

On the men's side, Vollenweider was named MIP, while Mike Gray was named team MVP.

"Mike won the shot put and weight throw at the CTC, was All-PSAC in the weight throw, earned All-East honors and lost only two times this season to two Division I athletes."

On the women's side, McAninch highlighted Edwards placing first in the 1000 meter and placing second in the mile run at the CTC meet, Megan Savioli placing third in the pentathlon (at PSACs) and Abbie Waltz placing fifth in the 400 meter run at the CTC Championship. Waltz also joined Brooke McDaniel, Carly Klinger and Erica Ferguson in the 4x400 relay team where they placed first at the CTC Championship.

Ferguson was given the MIP award, while Brooke McDaniel was voted MVP. Ferguson was one of six athletes to make it to PSACs on the women's team, while McDaniel scored 22 points at the CTC and was a three-event qualifier at PSACs.

The final awards of the night went to the male and female Winter Athletes of the Year.

Mike Gray received the Men's Winter Athlete of the Year award, but was unable to attend the event due to the track and field meet in North Carolina.

"Mike had a record breaking season," Maisner said. "He was almost unbeatable in the shot put and broke the school record in it three times this season. He won the PSAC Championship with a throw that was two and a half feet further than his nearest competitor and he received All-Conference honors in the weight throw. Additionally, he earned 14 of the men's 19 points at PSACs and he was the only non-Division I athlete to place within the top ten at the IC4A Championships this season."

The Women's Athlete of the Year award



PHOTO BY SAMANTHA SCHRUM

Sophomore Yuseff Carr and junior Chris Pender were awarded MVP and MIP of the men's basketball team this season. Carr received MVP after starting in all 27 games and accumulating five double-doubles while Pender earned MIP after starting in all 27 games as well and leading the team in three-point shots.

went to freshman Mallory Moore. Moore had a long list of accomplishments this season, from leading the team in scoring on 10 different occasions and leading the team in rebounding on 17 different occasions to being second on the team in steals and being named PSAC East Freshman of the week twice.

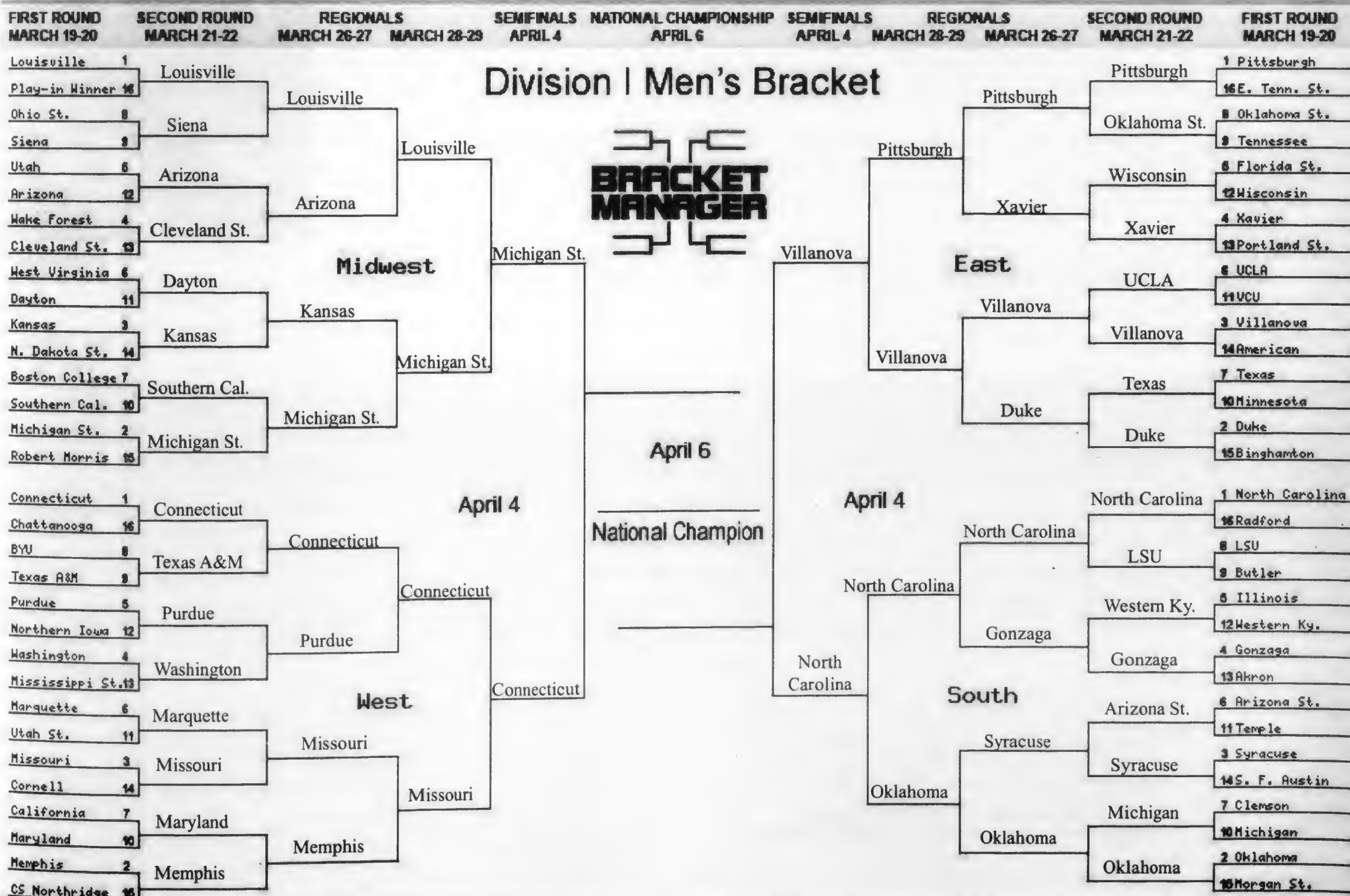
Since the Athlete of the Year award is not awarded to a freshman very often and a freshman wouldn't have prior knowledge of the honor, Moore was unaware of the fact that she had to go to the podium to make a speech. A certain amount of coaxing from Maisner was required before she made her way to the podium.

"I'd like to thank my coaches," Moore said. "They'd open the gym for me to practice whether it was seven at night or eight in the morning. I'd also like to thank my teammates for helping me. It was a fun year and I'm looking forward to next season."

Maisner concluded the banquet with a few words of his own.

"I'd just like to say to all of the athletes out there that I have a great deal of pride in you," Maisner said. "You're academics are impressive, the awards always seem to increase and you continue to amaze me every year."





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## Track and field teams compete against Division I schools at Reebok Relays

By DANELLE MILLER

*Flashlight Copy Editor*

Mansfield's outdoor men's and women's track and field team traveled to North Carolina State University to participate in the Reebok Raleigh Relays on March 27 and 28.

"It was a big Division I meet and we went there to get some opening relays in and some events that we don't normally do," head coach Mike Rohl said. "We had a great experience watching some great track and field and our kids did well."

Mike Gray, Josh Bucior, Andrew Licwinko, Justen Johnson, Joe Stanek, Sean Vollenweider, Nate McNabb, Glendon Zimmerman, Ryan Detwiler, Scott Wilt, Kevin Cusworth, Henry Potter and Mason Teribury represented the men's team.

Bucior ran in the Men's 100 meter dash preliminaries and placed 46 with a time of 11.38. Wilt and Zimmerman competed in the Men's 5000 meter run Section IV, with Wilt placing 22 with a time of 17:33.80 and Zimmerman placing 24 with a time of 17:56.05. Teribury ran the Men's 400 meter hurdles where he placed 50 and achieved a personal record of 1:00.06 and was joined by Licwinko who placed 58 in the event with a time of 1:02.79.

McNabb, Stanek, Vollenweider and Cusworth started out the relay events for Mansfield men's side and set a school record in the 4x1500 meter relay, where they placed 15 with a time of 16:52.30.

Bucior, Teribury, Johnson and Potter participated in the Men's 1600 Sprint Medley relay and placed 18 (3:42.90).

Gray, starting the season on another strong note after a successful indoor season, broke the school record in the hammer throw with a distance of 49.55 meters. The throw earned him a 15 place win. Gray also threw in the shot put event and placed 16 with a distance of 15.16 meters.

The women were represented by Brook McDaniel, Brenae Edwards, Carly Klinger, Jenelle Toter, Sarah Lonzi, Irene Primmer, Erica Ferguson, Jess Wagner, Kelly Hollenbeck, Brittney Capsello and Abbie Waltz.

Ferguson, Toter and Klinger competed in the women's 100 meter dash preliminaries. Ferguson placed 77 (13.02), Toter placed 88 (13.31) and Klinger placed 91 (13.62). Ferguson's time qualified her for the PSAC outdoor meet in May.

Waltz and Capsello competed in the Women's 400 meter hurdles where Waltz placed 57 (1:11.31) and Capsello placed 61 (1:15.14).

In addition to several of the individual races, the relay teams highlighted the women's side in North Carolina. Lonzi, Wagner, Primmer and Edwards set a school record in the 4x1500 meter relay, where they placed 16 with a time of 21:12.28.

Ferguson, Klinger, Waltz and McDaniel also set a record in the women's 1600 sprint medley where they placed 19 with a time of 4:20.83.

Toter, Klinger, McDaniel and Ferguson finished out the relays, placing 26 in the women's 4x100 meter relay where they earned a time of 50.04.

"We ended the meet with the women's 4x100 meter relay running 50.04, which is about one and a half seconds faster than we have ever opened up the outdoor season in that race," women's head coach Steph Cadwell said. "Considering we were competing against teams such as University of North Carolina, Ohio State, Iowa State, Duke and Georgetown, just to name a few, I thought we did pretty well. I am looking forward to seeing what the remainder of the outdoor season brings."

The team's next meet is at the Bucknell Distance Classic at Bucknell University on Saturday, April 11.

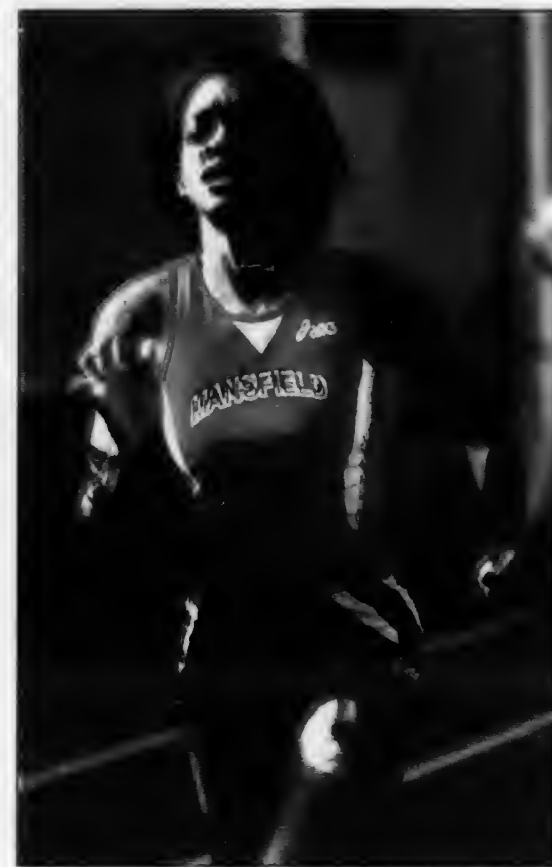


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Erica Ferguson qualified for PSACs after placing 77 in the women's 100 meter dash preliminaries with a time of 13.02 at the Reebok Raleigh Relays.

## Coming up in Mountie Sports

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# The Trashlight

## Mansfield students injured in mentalist's performance

By HAVERKOST  
Staff Infected Writer

Three Mansfield students suffered massive head trauma as Mentalist Banachek used the power of telekinesis to levitate them into one of the Hut's ceiling fans on Thursday, March 26.

Jeremy Flack, 21, Mary Finicé, 19, and Draven Finnegan, 18, were taken to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital in Wellsboro at 10:30 p.m. after Banachek's psychic attack, and were quickly treated and placed in intensive care.

Students fled at full speed down the Hut's driveway as panic ensued at the Mentalist's performance. Police from the municipalities of Mansfield, Blossburg and Wellsboro rushed to the scene of the attack.

"Some of the students were heckling him," Rick Schuzinsky, 18, said. "He shouted 'Oh yeah? Why don't you have a little taste of what Home Depot has to offer?' and up they went. Then there was this big puff of smoke, and Banachek was gone."

Schuzinsky, as well as 34 other Mansfield students, were splattered with blood as Banachek gained his revenge on the three hecklers.

"It puzzles me why he would do something like that," Finicé said. "I didn't really think he would respond to my heckling with force."

"It was crazy!" Nathan Seville said. "I would definitely go to another Banachek performance. Even if it was attempted murder, it was awesome! Banachek's like a superhero!"

As a master of human psychology,

Banachek convinced the authorities that he never showed up to his performance. "I hypnotized them rather well," Banachek said. "I gave them a description of one of my 'usual imposters,' which happened to resemble that of Richard Nixon. They'll be searching for quite a while."

Banachek's "imposter" still remains at large. The Mansfield Police urge readers to contact them if they see a man 5'11" tall with sunken cheeks, brown eyes and dark hair.

"People have just been giving us weird looks whenever we release a detailed description of the suspect. It's really weird; I've never been left so in the dark by the public," Officer Leroy Jenkins of Mansfield Police said. "We usually would have received

three or four leads at this point, but we haven't even gotten one."

All three students are rapidly recovering, and are expected to be released from hospital care on Friday, April 3.

The ceiling fan used in the attack will be replaced by money donated by Banachek.



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Banachek is described as the world's leading Mentalist.

## Mansfield University to undergo name change

By DEREK WASABI  
Flashlight News Writer

Mansfield University officials decided to change the school's name to Ladiesfield State University of Pennsylvania.

To better compensate for the huge female to male student ratio at Mansfield University, college officials will be changing the name of the institution in the upcoming 2009-2010 year.

In 2007 the female to male ratio of students at Mansfield was 2:1, with 2,172 female students compared to the 1,166 male students. Future Ladiesfield University student Lonna Nottingham was enticed into coming to Ladiesfield when she heard of the name change. "Honestly, I'm kind of glad that they changed it because I'm a girl and not a man, so why would I want to go to a college that was named Mansfield? Ladiesfield sounds more sensible," Nottingham said.

Other students and even some alumni find the new name to be a pleasant change. Mansfield alumni from 1948, Jack B. Johnson, also finds the new name to be a positive

change for the university's future. "I wish it was named that back in my day. Maybe then I could have found a hot date," Johnson said after celebrating his 82 birthday.

However, not all students are happy with the decision. Junior Betty Beckington is setting up a protest ballot to keep the name Mansfield as it is. "We have been Mansfield University for over 150 years. Why should anyone change it now when Mansfield has worked just fine for so long under the same name? To point it out now is purely sexist," Beckington said. Beckington will banding together with other students to hold a protest rally outside President Loeschke's home on Friday. The protest will be sponsored by the Mansfield University Equal Opportunity Association, who will provide fresh lemonade and pizza.

The Mansfield University She-Woman Man Haters Club will be hosting a counter-protest on the same day, during which they will also be providing soda and homemade pizza. President of the Mansfield University She-Woman Man Haters Club, Tosha T. Tinkerton, will be out there and encour-

ages everyone to come and support the cause. When asked about her feelings about the name change, Tinkerton said "We really think this is an empowering moment for our group. We joke that we absolutely hate the word 'Man' without the preceding 'Wo,' but the truth of it is that if we are to make any progress in today's world then changes like these must be made."

Some of the more apathetic Ladiesfield students will not be participating in protests, petitions, counter-protests, counter-petitions, or support groups over the incident. "What's in a name?" one student said, who refused to be identified.

Backlash over the name change has reverberated from the Mansfield community. Local officials have voiced their opinion to Ladiesfield, which refuses to reconcile the name change despite dissonance between the Mansfield community and Ladiesfield University.

The rift between community and college widened last weekend when unknown community members modified the Mansfield alert system's fire siren to emit the sound "Man" when used in the weekly

drills on Monday nights.

There is no word yet from school officials if the school colors or mascot will also change.

No male students were able to be interviewed about the future name switch because none could be located. After trying to resolve the issue by looking for in-house opinions, this reporter gave up upon realizing *The Flashlight* had an all female staff.



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A proposed version of the Ladiesfield logo is an L that is shaped out of flowers.

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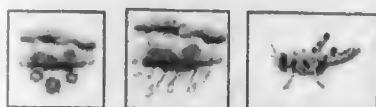
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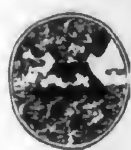


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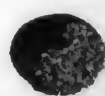
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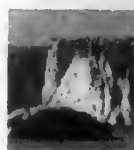
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## INFO TO STAY

-The famed Sesame street show is coming to Mansfield University. Come out to see all of your favorite characters such as Elmo and Cookie Monster! Tickets are being sold at Alumni Hall.

-Upper is hosting event "make yo own dang food" for the students. Manser faculty thought it would be nice to give students a chance to cook what they would like to eat. The kitchens will be open to students all day on April 1.

-The Class of 2009 has decided to do things differently. They are getting rid of the old tradition of class rings, and are instead getting class samurai swords and nunchucks. Order your swords and nunchucks today!

-Doors have been banned from all residence halls, so that students will be discouraged against rule breaking. Due to a large number of students getting into trouble by breaking rules in the safety of their own dorm, officials just thought it would be easier to remove all privacy together. In addition to doors being removed, cell phones are now banned as well. It is just plain darn rude to text in class (and we all know we do it!) Students will have to submit to a full body search before they enter classrooms.

-Students canz haz cheeeeeeezebergers now at the new LOL burger stand located between lower and upper Manser.

-A new club on campus, the Mansfield Most Dangerous Game Hunting Club, will be holding its first meeting next weekend. Newcomers are encouraged to remain calm and run very very fast.

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# Police Beat

March 24 - Flashlight staffer Derek Witucki is being held against his will in the Tioga county jail for throwing his laptop at his future co-news editor Rebecca Hazen, after she said that his article was of unfortunate quality. Derek is being sued for \$5,000 dollars, to pay for the 13 stitches that Hazen had to receive.

March 27 - Rebecca Hazen is being held for verbally abusing freshmen journalism students for not sending in their stories on time. Hazen abused a total of 17 students, all of whom are in Mr. Mason's intro to journalism class. As she was being dragged into her jail cell, the last thing everyone heard her screaming was, "A deadline is a deadline!"

March 28 - An unnamed female student is being held after breaking and entering into The Flashlight office in Alumni. The student was found covered from head to toe in colorful magic marker, although no property was stolen.

March 29- Nicole Hagan was referred to residence life after beating up Jimmy DiPaolo with a baseball bat over a Duke Villanova dispute.

March 31- The entire Flashlight staff was found illegally riding Beka Brown's scooter that she had rented due to her ankle injury. Police found the five Flashlight staffers including Brown, (who is not being charged because her altered state of mind was caused by her pain medication), trying to ride the scooter up Cardiac Hill. The students, with the exception of Brown, were charged with drunk and disorderly conduct.

April 1- Several music majors whose identities have not been released, were caught assaulting Ryan Star, the musician that headlined David Cook's concert last week. They were assaulting Star with the broken pieces of Milky White, the cow that Star had previously broken.

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# Ghostbusting Beaver investigates supernatural occurrences on Mansfield University campus

By KAY GRIN & BARRETT

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Mansfield University may seem like a safe northern Pennsylvania campus, but in fact the hilly college is a hotspot for the supernatural.

Senior communication student and supernatural investigator Jenelle Beaver has made it her sole mission (at least until she graduates) to rid the Mansfield campus of all things supernatural.

"Vampires, werewolves, angry spirits... Mansfield University has it all. Sarah was just the tip of the iceberg. It's like a demon's paradise here! All that young blood, it attracts all the nasties," Beaver said.

Beaver began "hunting" for the paranormal during her sophomore year at Mansfield when she had a ghostly encounter while walking back from Mark's Brothers one night. As she made her way past the President's house, Beaver felt the air around her turn bitterly cold. She then heard a "satanic" giggle and was suddenly pushed hard to the ground, but when she looked behind her no one was there.

"People have told me that I was just tipsy and probably fell over on my own, but I know what I felt and heard. I knew that something non-human had attacked me. The hand that pushed me down was as cold as a blue raspberry Wal-Mart ICEE. It was something of pure evil and I knew then that I had to stop whatever it was before it struck again," Beaver said "Now I really want an ICEE."

Beaver made a trip to the nearest Barnes

and Noble, where she purchased all the books she could on defeating the supernatural. "The store's selection was disappointing, but I got what I needed. I mean what respectable bookstore doesn't have 'Ozzy Osbourne's Guide to Demonic Possession.' Total classic," Beaver said.

Since destroying her first angry spirit (specifics not available, but rock salt and fire were both involved), Beaver has tracked down and defeated more than forty different paranormal beings. "One of my favorites was this vampire I caught posing as a theater major. She was leaving 'Twilight: The Musical' practice, when I pinned her to the ground. She kept whining 'You're crazy! I'm not a real vampire, I'm not a real vampire,' but no way could she convince me that it was Maybelline on her lips and not B positive. I cut her a break and told her to leave campus or else. I heard she 'transferred' to Lock Haven," Beaver said.

One of Beaver's most recent successful hunts was her capture of a chupacabra, which is blood sucking animal known to the southern states and Mexico. "I captured it trying to climb the tree outside of my dorm room window. I awoke to strange noises outside my window days before, so I positioned a cage at the trunk of the tree with bits of goat meat inside to tempt the creature. That was all it took and BAM! I had that chupacabra!" Beaver said.

After catching the creature, Beaver took it to the nearest game warden to inform them of her discovery. "They kept telling me it was



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Beaver said that this photo is just a snippet of the abundant evidence she has compiled that proves the existence of supernatural forces on campus. This spirit was seen hovering across campus in broad daylight just last autumn, waiting to attack any student who dared to cross its path.

a large gray squirrel. Yeah right, no squirrel is that blood thirsty. I know that they were just trying to cover it up. They didn't want the public to find out that such a creature exists. I now keep the chupacabra in my room for observations. Wait, forget I said that last part! My RA would freak if she knew I had a pet in my room," Beaver said.

Although Beaver is graduating in May,

she hopes that her legacy as the Mansfield University supernatural hunter will be remembered. "I have kept a journal of all my paranormal experiences for the last three years. On May 1, I will bury that journal somewhere on campus. The one who is to continue my work will find that journal and he or she will then fulfill his or her destiny to be the next Mansfield University supernatural hunter!"

## Alien raisin baby proves we are not alone



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Scientists have named the alien baby Sun-Maid after the popular brand of raisins. Sun-Maid is being fed every four hours and prefers Luvs to Pampers.

By TRISHA RYAN PHILLIPPE

*Trashlight Trouble Maker*

"It looked like a dried up raisin and I would not have even seen it if the thing would not have moved," Bob John, park cleaner, said.

On the night of March 28, there was an alleged alien baby found in the park of Denison Parkway in Corning, NY. John has been working for the city of Corning for the last 45 years, but this is the first time he has made such a strange discovery. "I have been in this area for a long time and I have never seen or heard of anything like this before. I just keep asking myself if this is a sign from God," John said.

John did not know at first what to do with his findings, but he decided to take the alien baby to Professor Jim Patterson of the Mansfield University Science Department. "I had never seen anything like this wrinkly thing before. All I knew is it looked like a newborn because it was not yet fully developed. After examining it, I could not give Bob any explanations, so I took it upon myself to call the Centre for Astrobiology at Cardiff University, U.K.,"

Patterson said.

Patterson also stated that hundreds of scientists from around the world will be traveling to the Cardiff University within the next couple of weeks to make their own observations of the alien baby and a series of tests. Hopefully the scientists, observations and testing will help answer the questions of what the creature is, where it came from and if we are truly not alone in the universe.

We have yet to hear a reaction from President Obama about John's finding but John is confident that the president will become involved. "I think Obama will either hear about it on TV or read about it in the newspapers, and come to us," John said.

While waiting on the scientists results, Patterson offered the public some advice on how to handle this new finding.

"Panic! It is what must be done in this situation, staying calm doesn't do anyone any good. It's a cold, harsh world and a person should only care about his or her own well being. Leave the others to fend for themselves," Patterson said.



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## Mansfield athletics get "Jazzy" with new extreme sport

By NICKEL PICKLE  
Sports Editor/Giggle Queen

Mansfield University, in an effort to extend its athletic opportunities into the realm of extreme sports, decided to start up a downhill "Jazzy" team.

A "Jazzy" is a motorized power chair used to mobilize those individuals who are unable to walk.

"Apparently, nobody can stop falling down around campus," team president Beka Brown said. "The other day, I saw some dumb kid with curly hair flip over his bike on Main Street. He broke his elbow in four different places in addition to both of his ankles."

Caleb Grove, the dumb curly-headed kid, found the Jazzy team to be just what the doctor ordered.

"So yeah, I don't know how to ride a bike," Grove said. "But I'm the Kobe of Jazzy's

and other motorized vehicles that go up to three miles per hour."

"Crazy Legs," an anonymous source who's helped athletes like drop-kicking Olympic Champion and ex-Giggle Queen Dentyne Miller with her donkey-kicking skills, has been the main recruiter for the Jazzy team.

"She goes around karate-kicking kids down the steps of Butler and round-housing unsuspecting freshman," Brown said. "So far, she's gotten us 18 potential athletes who we are currently training to use the Jazzy. We also tried to get Miller to punt some of the smaller ones around, but she said she was too busy training for her next puppy-punting event in June."

Chelsey Russell, well known klutz and music major at Mansfield University, decided to join the team after watching teammate Grove steal a motorized cart from Wal-Mart.

"He ran into the store, pushed some

poor woman off the cart and made his getaway with a bag of prunes and a stack of Depends," Russell said. "I've never been more proud. When he got home three hours later, we had a long talk and I decided that I wanted to join the team. I'm sick and tired of using my legs to walk up to Butler everyday and it would be nice to be able to run over little kids at Wal-Mart."

Over the next four weeks, the Jazzy team will prepare for their first race down Cardiac which is scheduled for May 33.

"I'M SUPER EXCITED!" Grove said. "I love to ride everything from bikes and Jazzy's to roller coasters and your mom. You name it, I've been on it."

If you or a friend are interested in joining the Jazzy team, tryouts with Crazy Legs will take place on the roof of Maple on Wednesday, April 1.



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Jazzy racing comes to Mansfield University. Athletic director, Roger Maisner, estimates a nine billion dollar profit within the next two years.

## Cow tipping team looks to beef up Mansfield University athletics

By DEREK WASABI  
Trashlight Olds Writer

Mansfield's cow tipping team is being revived after a 31 year hiatus.

The 1978 team was disbanded after team star Billy Jo Jackson was killed in a tragic bovine bottom-out. New president Billy Jo Jackson Jr. (no relation) explained the tragedy as "when a tipping goes too far and ends with the cattle's hoofs up."



This is the second attempt at a revival for the Mansfield Cow Tipping team after the failed revival in 1992 when a member was severely injured after an attempted bull-tipping. However, Jackson is confident in his teams ability.

"We're going to go out there and show those cows who's boss," Jackson said. "It's high time for some heifer hoofin', some cattle callin', some bovine body rollin', a little

bull-doing and maybe even a good ole cow collapsing," Jackson said.

"Our hope is to better the community by raising beef-awareness to students and members of the community," Jackson said. "Our team will be meeting weekly Thursday nights at 2 a.m."

Jackson and his team of USDA-choice cow tipplers is hoping to reach national level sponsorship in the coming months. So far, the outlook is right on track for getting a sponsorship with the local chapter of People Aghast at Meat Consumption in America (PAMCA), who will be providing the team with money and resources to raise awareness, host events and gain members.

When asked about his opinion on the return of the Mansfield Cow Tipping team, local dairy farmer Albert B. Kurds was amazed at their return and waits expectantly for their arrival.

"I remember the old team from back in 1978. They were real cow tipplers all right. I can honestly say I missed them until their short-lived return in 1992 when they provoked my prized bull, Sir McBullenstein, into attacking that boy," Kurds said. "The courts ordered me to have him put down afterward. However, I do miss the long nights waiting out in my



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Cows can be easily tipped over due to the fact that they sleep standing.

field for them to show up. When they come around again this year, I'll be sure to be ready, shotgun in hand."

Kurds is a member of the Mansfield Dairy Coalition taking up arms against the wild antics of the Mansfield Cow Tipping team.

Team try-outs will be held on April 1 at Van Normal Field. Those with strong upper body strength, lightning fast reflexes and weight over 172 lbs. are welcome to join.



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## One Card system to move off campus

By **DEREK WITUCKI**  
*Flashlight News Writer*

Mansfield One Card will expand its current usage to include off-campus sales and residence hall entrance in the upcoming semester.

Since its introduction on July 1, 2008 the Mansfield One Card has made good on its promise to provide a single, easy-to-use and all-purpose card for students. Acting as a student ID, library card, debit card, meal ticket, printing/copying services and gym access. This card also provided identification for Student Government Association voting and concert tickets. Since its inception, students have found the One Card at the center of their wallets.

The most highlighted uses of the One Card is Mountie Money, a system not uncommon to college campuses. Alex Miller, the administrator of the One Card system, is basing Mansfield's debt services off those used by other universities. "On average,

more than half of today's college freshmen owe over \$1,500 in credit card debt," Miller said. "Many colleges are using and promoting this same kind of system as an alternative. Bloomsburg has Husky Dollars, Kutztown has Bear Bucks, Millersville has Marauder Gold, West Chester has RAM Bucks, and Penn State has Lion Cash, etc."

The time has come for the One Card to take the next step in becoming the all-purpose card for Mansfield students. According to Miller, by the fall semester Mansfield will use the cards for door access into the residence halls.

The biggest news for upcoming changes, however, is the move of Mountie Money to off-campus locations in the community. Mountie Money can already be used in the bookstore, at Jazzman's Cafe, at the "baby" Night and Day and the kiosks located in Retan and Cedercrest. Starting next semester

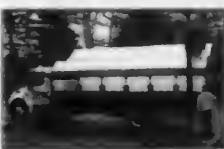
Mountie Money will be available for use in stores throughout the local community. "It was time to move off campus," Miller said. "We have had a year to work out some kinks on campus and feel that it is a stable process now to

advance downtown. We have had some interest from downtown merchants that are aware of the system like Night and Day, Papa V's, and Corey Creek Golf club," Miller said.

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## Students have "Nothing to Lose" at Josh Gracin Concert

By **REBECCA HAZEN**  
*Flashlight News Editor*

Country singer Josh Gracin performed at Mansfield University on Thursday, April 2.

Josh Gracin was a fourth place finalist on the second season of "American Idol" and is now a country music artist.

"I never expected to get that far [on "American Idol.]" Over 70,000 people auditioned. Just to make it that far was amazing and what it has done for me so far is amazing," Gracin said.

Gracin gets his musical inspiration from many genres due to growing up in Michigan. "I was influenced from everything including Motown and hard rock. As far as country music, it's always been Garth Brooks," Gracin said.

Gracin joined the Marine

Corps when he was twenty, and at first had to juggle his family, his music career and his service to the country all at once. He was given an honorable discharge, so that makes things easier, but it's still hard being away from his family on tour. "It is hard, but I try to stay busy," Gracin said. "For instance, I played with the men's basketball team here earlier today. It's things like that, that help me."

Gracin performed songs from his two albums *Josh Gracin* and *We Weren't Crazy* to Mansfield students and community.

"Stay with me" is my favorite song so far. I wrote three songs on the second album, but just because I wrote them doesn't mean that they are better than the others," Gracin said.

Gracin gave a special perfor-

mance that included a few surprises, including throwing signed shirts into the audience that were being given away from the local country radio station.

He also threw drumsticks into the audience after playing the drums during one song.

At one point, the audience thought the concert was over after the band left the stage. Audience members looked around trying to find the band. Others chanted, "One more song!" Gracin fulfilled their wishes, and appeared in the middle of the auditorium to perform a song. He made his way around the rows and high-fived everyone that offered their hand.

Gracin believed that he wouldn't be here today if it weren't for his fans.

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Look for this sign to be posted in stores that will accept Mountie Money. In addition to local merchants, Mansfield also plans to add new soda and vending machines that accept Mountie Money in the fall semester.

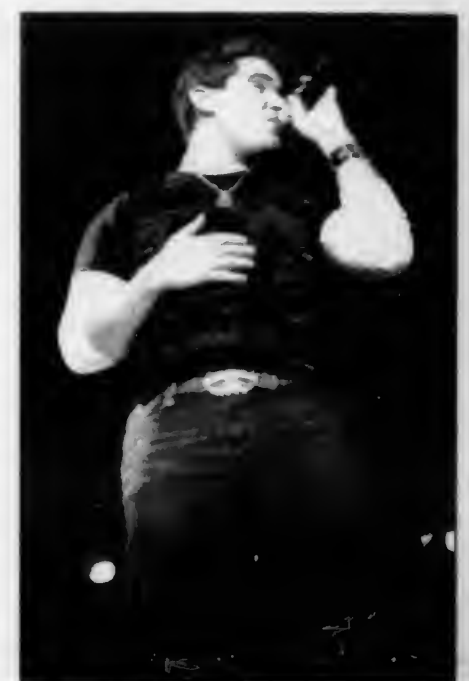


PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY

Josh Gracin entertained concertgoers by throwing shirts and drumsticks in to the crowd, and singing in the audience.

Weekly  
Weather

## TODAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 50 Low: 32

## FRIDAY

Showers

High: 50 Low: 35

## SATURDAY

Showers

High: 50 Low: 29

## SUNDAY

Mostly  
Cloudy

High: 51 Low: 32

## MONDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 52 Low: 35

## TUESDAY

Sunny

High: 53 Low: 37

## WEDNESDAY

Cloudy

High: 55 Low: 36

Information taken from  
www.weather.com

# Info-To-Go

## Campus Bulletin Board

### Mansfield University

-Social work majors Amber Ellixson, Lisa Saltsman and Terry Babb are working on a group project for their social work practice class. They are sponsoring concern for foster care children and families. They are asking for donations of gently used or new duffel bags, backpacks, suitcases and donations. There are containers marked "Concern- Foster Care" at Kelchner and in the campus bookstore. The boxes will be there until April 13.

-Help our troops overseas out by donating certain goods for care packages. These packages are being put together by Mansfield University's Leo Club. Drop boxes will be located in all residential, academic, and administrative buildings. Deadline for donating goods is April 17. Goods can also be directed to Dr. Robert Maris in 139 Grant Science Center. For more information, contact Christof Ambrosch at (570) 205-0255.

-Laurel Hall Council and MAC present Stomp the Field, a dance-off competition at Spring Fling on April 17. If you want to dance, you must e-mail Danelle Miller at millerdl13@mounties.mansfield.edu. Single performers as well as groups are welcome.

**'ONE CARD'**

"However, I think that it will be generally accepted by any merchant once they are approached. It's not only a benefit to the students, it also builds community relations."

Mountie Money should have a "soft launch" at one or two locations by May to test through the process and will hopefully, according to Miller, have six to eight local merchants participating by the fall 2009 semester. "The process is much like a credit card," Miller said. "Each vendor will be required to purchase or lease the equipment to make the One Card functional." In the same way that a credit card works, local merchants will have to sign a contract with Mansfield University which will establish a percentage of sales commission back to Mansfield.

This commission, according to Miller, could be used to pay for the One Card system, provide a source of funding for future expansion of the technology and even be used for scholarships or other student initiatives. "So by using your One Card and Mountie Money, you actually help the university and your fellow students," Miller said. The contract will also list restrictions on tobacco, alcohol or firearms sales via Mountie Money.

Students may remember the recent poll placed in the Daily Digest last week requesting input on where students would most like to use their Mountie Money off-campus. Mansfield officials plan to use the poll to initiate merchant contracts in the upcoming month. Students can view the results of the poll on the Mansfield One Card web site, mansfield.edu/onecard/.

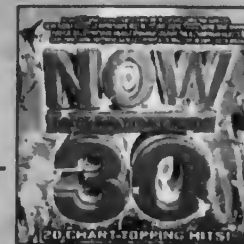
However, it is important for students to realize that the off-campus locations will only be able to use Mountie Money—not Flex. "I know I have been asked, 'Why not Flex?' Flex is a stored value fund that is contractually only allowed use at the on campus dining facilities, [and] any Flex balance remaining at the end of spring semester is forfeited," Miller said. "Hence, we came up with Mountie Money."

Miller went on to explain that Mountie Money works like a debit card, except without the fees and penalties and without the high interest rates of credit cards. Because of these reasons, Mountie Money is the most flexible spending account available to students.

Miller also wanted to remind students that Mountie Money is a secure service because, if lost or stolen, students can lock their cards from the One Card web portal at mansfield.blackboard.com in addition to managing their Mountie Money accounts.

# Entertainment Corner

Courtesy of billboard.com



## Hot 100

- 1.) Various Artists - Now 30
- 2.) Soundtrack - Hannah Montana: The Movie
- 3.) Soundtrack - Twilight
- 4.) Keri Hilson - In A Perfect World
- 5.) Kelly Clarkson - All I Ever



Courtesy of imdb.com



## Hot Movies:

- 1.) Fast & Furious - PG-13, Vin Diesel
- 2.) Monsters vs Aliens - PG, Reese Witherspoon
- 3.) The Haunting in Connecticut - PG-13, Virginia Madsen
- 4.) Knowing - PG-13, Nicholas Cage
- 5.) I Love You, Man - R, Paul Rudd



# Police Beat

March 25- Unknown person(s) removed a portable recording system and a Macbook laptop belonging to the Music Business organization of Butler-Steadman music center sometime after March 19.

March 28- The above incident is closed. The stolen items have been located and returned to Music Business organization

The Flashlight news section is looking for dedicated writers who would like to write weekly articles.

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## Student Intern Position Available for the 2009 FALL Semester

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Pennsylvania's largest credit union, Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU), is accepting applications for a student intern for the 2009 Fall Semester. Position responsibilities include: promote PSECU membership on campus through contact with students, faculty and staff; inform/educate others about PSECU services and products; organize and conduct group presentations; manage interest tables on campus; assist in the membership application process. Candidates must be a full time Mansfield University student, possess effective communication skills, be able to develop and utilize creative approaches for promoting membership in PSECU. Previous experience in customer service preferred. Successful candidates will be required to participate in training sessions upon hire. Contact David Sikorski, e-Center Manager at [dsikorski@psecu.com](mailto:dsikorski@psecu.com), or 570-662-8635, or stop in at the PSECU e-Center, located in Lower Manser Hall. PSECU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

## Mansfield University state survey shows lack of trust in higher education system

Pennsylvanians have little confidence in institutions to steer the troubled economy. That's one result from the 2009 Mansfield University State Survey which has just been released.

"Forty-four percent have little or no trust in the free market to guide the nation's economy, and 52 percent do not trust the government to guide the economy," Timothy Madigan, associate professor of sociology and co-director of the annual survey of adult Pennsylvanians, said.

Fifty-seven percent say the primary recipients of federal economic stimulus packages should be individual taxpayers rather than large banks and corporations. Only 11 percent said large companies and banks should be the primary recipients of stimulus money. Forty percent say that the stimulus plan should be focused "long term" while 21 percent favored "short, medium and long term" goals. Eighteen percent said the stimulus should focus on the short term.

The 2009 Mansfield University State Survey asked 708 Pennsylvanians over the age of 18 for their views on a variety of topics. It is directed by Mansfield University Sociology Professors Timothy Madigan and Janice Purk. The results have a 3.6 percent margin of error. Among the findings:

**Expansion of Gambling:** Fifty percent of adults in Pennsylvania oppose legalizing video slot machines in taverns while 45 percent support the idea. "These levels of support and opposition are expected because they are close to the percentages of state residents who say that they do and do not gamble for money," Madigan said.

**Impact of Smoking Ban:** Forty-eight percent say they are more likely to eat out at restaurants since Pennsylvania instituted a smoking ban in the past year. Only 11 percent said they would be less likely to eat out and the remainder said the ban made no difference in their dining plans.

**Local Police:** Seventy-three percent of state residents are opposed to the practice of small towns eliminating local police coverage and turning to the Pennsylvania State Police to provide coverage. Around 58 percent say that if a town eliminates its local police force it should be required to pay a user fee for the State Police to provide services.

**Cell Phones:** Eighty percent say that hand-held cell phones should be banned from use while driving in Pennsylvania. Six states have banned this practice. Pennsylvania still permits it.

**Interrogation of murder suspects:** Eighty-four percent believe police should be required to vid-

eotape interrogations of persons suspected of first-or second-degree murder. "If interrogations for serious crimes such as murder are videotaped, and later on convicted individuals contend that their confessions were coerced, reviewing videotapes will answer a lot of questions," Madigan said. "Some states are now doing this by policy for all murder interrogations."

**Global Warming:** Pennsylvanians are cooling to the idea of global warming. "This year, the number of firm believers in global warming declined to 65 percent," Madigan said. "Last year it was over 70 percent and had been rising steadily since 1999 when we first asked the question." At the same time, the number of people who do not believe in global warming rose to 28 percent. "This matches the height of disbelief first recorded by our annual survey on this topic a decade ago," Madigan said.

**The War on Terror:** Sixty-three percent of Pennsylvanians believe it is important to find a non-military solution to the war on terror. Only eight percent, however, think such a solution is very likely to be found. Forty-six percent believe it is very unlikely to be found.

For more information contact Timothy Madigan at (570)662-4488 or [tmadigan@mansfield.edu](mailto:tmadigan@mansfield.edu).

## Reel Big Fish coming to Mansfield

Reel Big Fish, one of the best known bands in the ska-punk genre, will perform in concert on Wednesday, April 22, at 8 p.m. at Mansfield University's Decker Gymnasium.

Ska punk combines ska, a Jamaica-originated music genre that blends elements of Caribbean mento and calypso with American jazz and rhythm and blues, and punk rock.

Featuring brass instruments, a heavily accented off beat and a much faster punk inspired tempo, Reel Big Fish is best known for the 1997 hit *Sell Out*. The band gained recognition in the mid-to-late 1990s, but has stayed true to their irreverent ska-punk roots.

"They are a fun, entertaining band with a great live show that is a perennial favorite on college campuses," Steve Plesac, director of Student Activities and Student Programming, said.

A Rude Revolution, a ska band made up of Mansfield University music majors, will be the opening act.

"Ska punk music has a strong following among our [Mansfield University] music majors," Plesac said. "My goal in confirming a play-date for Reel

Big Fish was to also have their band management confirm A Rude Revolution as the opening act. This concert event will be a fun evening featuring the great live music of Reel Big Fish and having the Mansfield student connection with A Rude Revolution as the opening act makes the free student ticket to this concert event priceless and worth the price of admission for everyone else."

For more information on Reel Big Fish, check online at [reel-big-fish.com](http://reel-big-fish.com)

For more information on A Rude Revolution, check online at [myspace.com/ARudeRevolution](http://myspace.com/ARudeRevolution)

Mansfield students can pick up their one free ticket Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Alumni Hall, third floor mezzanine. Students must present ID to receive their free ticket.

Tickets for the general public are \$20 and are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Campus Bookstore in Alumni Hall or on online at [tix.com](http://tix.com)

The concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Office (SAO) and is funded by student activities fees.

## Student affairs outstanding service awards banquet held

The twentieth Student Affairs Outstanding Student Awards banquet was held on Monday, April 6. This annual celebration honors students for their achievements and recognizes the time and effort put forth by the various advisors to the many student organizations on campus.

This year we had 34 nominees for the outstanding student service awards. Certificates of merit were awarded to the following students:

Morgan Anthony, Kay Barrett, Meredith Bennett, Kira Brock, Liz Burnett, Samantha Dumas, Kristopher Dumschat, Andrew Dutko, Amanda Edner, Mark Ewing, Christin Galluccio, Shelley Giles, Alyssa Greenwalt, Alexandra Hoenig, Krista Hutcherson, Elizabeth Kenny, Christina Learned, Jennifer Lewis, Jessica Lohmann, Whitney McKnight, Leeann Meier, Danelle Miller, Cara Moyer, Michelle Polczynski, Maria Reich, Kevin Richardson, Ashley Rogers, Tammy Kay Schmidt, Andrew Shaal, Lucas Snyder, Mary Sooy, Christian Spangenberg, Rebecca Sullivan and Thomas Walker.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities also inducted 26 Mansfield University students into its ranks. The following students join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of

Columbia and several foreign nations: Morgan Anthony, Terry Babb, Jessica Brown, Jaimie Bullen, Laura Carden, Cory Doubrava, Kelly Eckard, Alyssa Ferguson, Joshua Fish, Kara Fultz, Darnelle Gillot, Steven Hakes II, Raya Hansen, Emily Horwat, Jennifer Lewis, Elizabeth Lloyd, Denise McNeal, Cara Moyer, Lindsey Musser, Lori Nace, Elizabeth Paisley, Sandra Plume, Nikkie Sassano, Peter Staudenmeier, Jaron Van Ord and Darren Wood

Thirteen awards were presented to the Greek Community as well.

Awards of appreciation were given to the following outgoing officers of Student Government Association (SGA) and Committee on Finance (COF):

COF Chair for Fall 2008: Tessa Bieber, COF Chair for Spring 2009: Rebekah Brown and SGA President Spring 2008/Fall 2009: Shantee Proctor.

The 2009 Men of Strength & Women of Power were also announced at the banquet.

The Office of Community Service recognized Anne Lavancher, Executive Assistant to the President, and her family for outstanding service to the annual Santa's Gift Bag project.

Student Affairs division recognized Bob (Dr. Robert) Maris and his wife, Yvonne, for their dedication and service to the division throughout the years.

# CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

| Thursday                                                                                                                                                | Friday                                                                                                          | Saturday                                                                                                                                      | Sunday                                                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday                                                                                                                         |
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| 9<br>~7 p.m.<br>Mansfield University<br>String Chamber<br>Orchestra                                                                                     | 10                                                                                                              | 11<br>~10 a.m. -12 p.m.<br>Mini visitation day by<br>appointment only                                                                         | 12                                                                                                                                                                  | 13<br>~4 p.m. -5:30 p.m.<br>The Bounty Hunter:<br>Your Job Search<br>Location: AHSC 312<br>~7 p.m. Concert Wind<br>Ensemble Concert | 14<br>~7:30 p.m. Student<br>Composer Recital | 15<br>~4 p.m. -5:30 p.m.<br>What Can I Do in the<br>Field of...Fine Arts (Mu-<br>sic, Art, Theatre)?<br>Location: AHSC 312        |
| 16<br>~4 p.m. -6 p.m. Anno-<br>tating Dissent: Thomas<br>Carlyle's Chartism<br>Location: Alumni Hall<br>317<br>~8 p.m. Vocal Jazz Festi-<br>val Concert | 17<br>~8:30 a.m. -3 p.m.<br>Visitation Day Steadman<br>Theatre<br>~8 p.m. Instrumental<br>Jazz Festival Concert | 18<br>~11 a.m. John<br>Wojciechowski, Junior<br>Saxophone Recital<br>~3 p.m. Symphonic<br>Band Concert<br>~7:30 p.m. Concert<br>Choir Concert | 19<br>~3 p.m. Orchestra Solo<br>Winners Concert<br>~7 p.m. Dr. Ben Moritz,<br>Dr. Nancy Boston, Dr.<br>Adam Brennan and Mr.<br>Conrad Alexander, Faculty<br>recital | 20<br>~7 p.m. Scott Schimpf<br>Graduate Conducting<br>Recital with the Concert<br>Wind Ensemble                                     | 21<br>8 p.m. Guitar Ensemble                 | 22<br>~7:30 p.m. Mansfield<br>University Student<br>Chamber Ensembles:<br>Brass Quintet, Wood-<br>wind Quintet, String<br>Quartet |



# News in a flash



## Man tries to commit suicide by stealing plane

By DEREK WITUCKI  
Flashlight News Writer

The Canadian man who flew a stolen plane into the U.S. was attempting suicide according to a Missouri state trooper who arrested him Monday.

Justin Watson, the arresting officer, was interviewed on "Good Morning America" Tuesday. He said the 31-year-old Canadian man, Yavuz Berke, wanted to commit suicide and was hoping that American defenses would see him as a threat and shoot his plane down.

Not having the courage to commit suicide himself, "[Berke's] idea was to fly the aircraft into the United States where he would be shot down," Watson said. "He stated several times that at any time he thought he was going to be shot down."

U.S. forces determined that Berke was not a terrorist early on in the incident, and only a threat to himself and other air traffic. According to the Associated Press, Berke—after leading fighter pilots on a six hour chase—landed the stolen single-engine plane on U.S. Highway 60 in Ellsinore, Mo., at 9:50 p.m. He made his way to a nearby convenience store after taxiing the plane onto a side road. Berke was spotted by a clerk at the convenience store who called police. "He seemed fairly happy that it came to a good end," Watson said to reporters. "He didn't seem to be down in spirits or anything like that."

The U.S. military decided after the start of the incident that Berke was not a threat to

the American people, but according to the Associated Press it was unclear to officials at the time what he was planning.

A North American Aerospace Defense Command spokesman told the Associated Press that "the pilot knew the F-16s were off his wing, but did not respond despite repeated attempts to reach him on every frequency possible."

Berke is being held at a jail in Missouri and has told police that he was previously hospitalized for psychological problems.

The Associated Press and Canadian officials said Tuesday that Berke had been treated for depression Friday, April 3 and left his girlfriend a goodbye note.

"The plane was stolen from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and was flown out of Thunder Bay International Airport at 2:55 p.m. The plane entered American airspace over Michigan's Upper Peninsula at 4:23 p.m. on Monday and was trailed by the military aircraft beginning at 4:43 p.m. as it flew over Minnesota, south through Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri," the Associated Press said.

"It costs roughly \$50,000 per hour/per jet to scramble F-16s. From the time the plane was initially intercepted over Lake Superior near the Michigan upper peninsula until it landed on the Missouri highway, it was followed by two F-16s for more than five hours—a likely tab of \$500,000," spokesman of the North American Aerospace Defense Command,

## President Obama seeks troop support for Afghanistan at NATO summit

By KRIS DUMSCHAT  
Flashlight Writer

President Barack Obama reached out to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) members this past week for their support of his plans for Afghanistan.

Obama announced his plans for Afghanistan at NATO's 60 Anniversary summit and reached out to such countries as France and Germany for additional troop support. France and Germany responded that they fully endorse the new Afghan war strategy but continue to firmly resist U.S. demands for more combat troops.

"We cannot afford to lose," French President Nicolas Sarkozy said in opening remarks, "Because there [in Afghanistan], some of the freedom of the world is at stake."

Obama promised his supporters that he would make major troop withdrawals out of Iraq and bring them home during his presidential campaign. Obama pledged to withdraw those troops within 16 months of taking office making the withdrawal date May 2010. Now instead of bringing the troops home, Obama is going to shift many of them to Afghanistan.

According to an America Online news article, Obama promised to repair damaged relations with Europe and asked for support of his new strategy, which has him adding 21,000 U.S. troops to the force of 38,000 struggling against Taliban advances in Afghanistan, alongside a like number of European,

Canadian and non-NATO forces.

There are 142,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. Obama's new plan will send 15 percent of those troops in Iraq to Afghanistan.

Obama's new Afghanistan plan has no timetable for withdrawal. The White House said it had no estimate yet on how much it will cost.



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Obama talks to Germany and France at NATO summit about troop support for the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan.

## 'JOSH GRACIN'

"I just wanted to say thank you to them for staying with me as long as they have been,"

Gracin said. "It's been five years now. I love performing and seeing familiar and new faces. I am starting to work on a third album now. It's going to be a fun summer and a fun year."

The opening act was Natalie Stovall, a singer/songwriter from Nashville, Tennessee who plays the fiddle.

Stovall was influenced by music early on in her life. She was already playing the fiddle by the time she was four years old.

"I auditioned for the Opry land kids club when I was ten. I sang Happy Birthday, and got the job," Stovall said.

This is not her first time opening up for Josh Gracin. The first time they played together was in Elmira, NY. They do not always tour together. They just so happened to be booked together for the second time.

Stovall is a new country artist on the scene and is still making her name known.

"I am making my living performing for people who, a lot of the time have never heard me before, so I need to be entertaining and upbeat," Stovall said.

Stovall's signature is "Peace, Love, Fiddle." "The fiddle adds a whole new element. There is a lot of guitar and fiddle together and it's been working well," Stovall said.

Stovall enjoys performing at colleges because she's not much older than the students. They are her peers. She commented that Mansfield was a beautiful area. "It is gorgeous here. You wouldn't think a college could be situated here. It reminds me of Tennessee," Stovall said.

When asked who she would be if she could be any other celebrity she replied, "I don't want to be anyone else, I like my life."

Stovall was a performer ever since she was a little girl. "It was an easy progression. Going to college for music put me right into the middle of lots of other talented musicians. I have always known

what I wanted to do," Stovall said.

She is about to record a new album. "I try to be really possible. There is a lot about love and making your dreams come true within my songs," Stovall said.

The students that attended the concert were overall pleased with their two artist's performances.

"I enjoyed the concert because it was energetic, surprising and fun. I thought it was planned out well, not to mention that Natalie Stovall rocked as an opener," Serena Carmen, a student said.

John Crain, a sophomore at Mansfield also enjoyed the two separate acts. "I liked Natalie Stovall because she seemed to play different genres of music and not just country. I also liked when Josh Gracin played the drums during his one song. It was all unexpected," Crain said.

The concert was put on by Mansfield Activities Council and was funded by student activity fees.

Beka Brown contributed this article.



PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY  
Natalie Stovall specializes in playing the fiddle. She has been playing ever since she was four years old.

# horoscopes

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## ARIES

**March 21-April 19**

You're feeling a little tired, but not so much that you can't deal with something big that's due to arise today. It takes some effort, but nothing extraordinary -- you should be done in time to collapse at home!

## TAURUS

**April 20-May 20**

Stroll through a museum or buy some art supplies today -- your creative impulses need to be exercised! It's the best possible time for you to make something new or to explore new ideas.

## GEMINI

**May 21-June 21**

Someone is poking their nose into your business just a little too much and you need to make sure that you're not lashing out at them. Be as private as you want to be, but don't cause a scene.

## CANCER

**June 22-July 22**

It's the small stuff that might get you down today -- so try to stay on top of it! Your mind is surprisingly agile when it comes to the details that make life more complicated than it really needs to be.

## LEO

**July 23-August 22**

You need to rethink something big -- and you've got the brainpower to do it! See if you can get your people to help you break things down into smaller chunks so they're easier to deal with.

## VIRGO

**August 23-September 22**

You're still quite focused on the details of your big issue -- and that is exactly where you should be focused! Your amazing mind can tackle any number of facts, figures and tiny elements.

## LIBRA

**September 23-October 22**

Take care of yourself today -- it may be a while before you can reconnect with those who usually help you make it through the day. Your self-sufficiency may surprise you and quite a few others.

## SCORPIO

**October 23 - November 21**

Someone is being extra-slippery today -- and that might drive you a little crazy! It's just one of those days when you need to let go of control and wait for the situation to get a little simpler.

## SAGITTARIUS

**November 22-December 21**

You may want to ask for a raise or some other favor from the boss today, but it's not the best time. Wait at least a day to see how things are going and to make a plan that makes sense to you.

## CAPRICORN

**December 22-January 19**

You're feeling quite stable today and much more ready for whatever may be coming. In fact, it's easier than ever for you to profit from the small stuff that is popping up all around you.

## AQUARIUS

**January 20-February 18**

Try to take a good look at the situation and see if you can get people to agree that whatever may seem obvious on the surface is unlikely to have much to do with the deeper truth.

## PISCES

**February 19-March 20**

The facts of the case are elusive -- but that just means you need to act right away! It's a good time for you to step up and see if you can get your people to let you take dramatic action.

## Environmental Facts of the Week

- 1) Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures every year!
- 2) Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.
- 3) On average, it costs \$30 per ton to recycle trash, \$50 to send it to the landfill, and \$65 to \$75 to incinerate it.
- 4) Americans generate and throw away nine times as much waste as does a person in Africa or Central America, but we also generate two to three times the amount of waste as people living in industrial countries with a comparable or better standard of living as us.

*The above facts were taken directly from the Students Environmental Advisory Council of North Dakota State University. Visit their web site at [http://www.seac.150m.com/fun\\_facts.html](http://www.seac.150m.com/fun_facts.html)*

## This day in history: April 9, 1947

The town of Woodward, Okla., is nearly wiped off the map by a powerful tornado on this day in 1947. More than 100 people died in Woodward, and 80 more lost their lives elsewhere in the series of twisters that hit the U.S. heartland that day.

The storm occurred when a cold front from Siberia met a warm and moist stream of air from the Gulf of Mexico. In the late afternoon, the first tornado struck in White Deer, Texas. In Glazier, Texas, only a gas station survived the twister. In Higgins, Texas, 30 people were killed as the tornado grew to nearly a mile-and-a-half wide.

As the tornado traveled on a nearly 100-mile-long trip, it got even wider. By the time it reached Woodward, it was reportedly two miles wide. Fierce lightning and hail preceded the twister and drove the residents to seek shelter. At about nine in the evening, the town's gas and electric plants were destroyed and the residents were left in complete darkness.

As the storm moved through Woodward, 200 residential blocks were completely leveled and nearly 1,000 homes were razed. Fires broke out in several spots but the heavy rains kept them under control. In all, 107 people were killed in Woodward and many more were injured. The devastating tornado then continued on to Kansas, where significant damage was done, but no one was killed.

As looting was reported in the areas hit by the tornado, the National Guard was called in to restore order. Army barracks were used to house the homeless until their homes could be rebuilt.

-- Courtesy of History.com



# Floral prints are in bloom for the Spring Season

By **KIMBERLEE BLOCKER**

*Flashlight Fashion Writer*

Spring is finally here! Of course, we are still recovering from the winter blues, but the best way to get over that is spring fashion.

Floral prints, as I said before, are one of the biggest spring trends this season: beautiful, bright, bold, colorful, big prints, small prints and all fabrics or colors in between. Floral prints are almost everywhere.

It is not suggested to completely go head to toe with floral print. If there is fear of overdoing it, just add a hint rather than the whole ensemble. Accessories are the best way to add a little bit of fancy floral to a drab and boring wardrobe.

Scarves have not only been big in the fashion world, but they are the best way to add that little something to the outfit. There is no way to wear a scarf incorrectly and they can be versatile. A floral scarf can be tied around the neck to brighten up a conservative suit, especially for an interview. Make sure, if you do choose to wear a scarf to an interview, that the fabric is silk or a silk blend that looks polished.

A casual scarf goes well with jeans and a T-shirt if you just want to add a touch of

floral to a casual outfit. For those who think they have an eye for fashion or are just daring, floral on floral can create an exciting and interesting eclectic look. But make sure the prints look good together. If not then your outfit will look like a giant flower garden gone horribly wrong. Scarves can be found in both high end boutiques to discount stores.

If floral isn't working for your top and bottom half, then how about the feet? Fun, flirty floral shoes give any plain outfit a pick-me-up. This season's cropped pants, Bermuda shorts and jeans fit perfectly with floral shoes because they will be able to be seen rather than covered. If you don't quite feel comfortable with full blown floral print shoes, then try a shoe with a rosette on the toe of the shoe rather than a complete print. Floral shoes can be found in Payless, Charlotte Russe, Burlington Coat Factory and Macy's.

Is there anyone who doesn't like jewelry? Well, for all the jewelry lovers out there, try floral jewelry! Costume and affordable floral jewelry is the best way to go. Jewelry is the best way to experiment with florals. Brooches are making a strong comeback in the fashion world. They can be seen on everything including jackets, dresses and even cardigan

sweaters. A simple brooch can update any look within a matter of seconds. For those of you who tend to wear dark colors, floral jewelry can add a fresh feel to the outfit. One piece can make a world of difference. For affordable jewelry, try Forever 21 or visit their online site to see more.

Handbags are very important to a woman and to a woman's image. A messy bag, on the outside, gives off a lazy appearance. Handbags should consistently look clean and well cared for, even if it was \$5. But for those who cannot seem to keep their handbags clean, floral prints come to the rescue! The bold colors and patterns can sometimes hide the dirt and stains that can happen from everyday usage.

For women on the go who do not have time to worry about stains, a floral bag is the best bet for you. Contrary to popular belief, these bags aren't just for the beach; they are great for carrying all this spring through the summer. Unlike leather, black or brown purses, floral print bags should only be worn for the spring and summer seasons. To find a great affordable bag, shop Old Navy or Old Navy online for cute prints at lower prices.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES  
Floral prints, especially in scarves, are all the rave.

## To tweet or not to tweet? Twitter becomes the new internet fad

By **TRISHA PHILIPS**

*Flashlight Features Writer*

On Friday, Angela Wilson, a student at Mansfield University, was not feeling well and thought she had food poisoning. A few hours later Emily Day, another student at Mansfield University, watched the movie, "Breakfast Club." The following day Wilson and Day spent time with their boyfriends.

No, these two ladies were not being stalked. All this information was broadcasted by them via Twitter.

Twitter is a free online venture that lets anyone with a computer, cell phone or mobile device live-blog their thoughts to the world in 140-character bites. The basic Twitter experience starts with logging on, either via Twitter.com or one of the thousands of third-party applications that interface with it, and choose the people whose post (or "tweet") you would like to receive. Answers from followers (friends) pile up on home pages in a time-stamped list resembling a blog.

The three-year-old site is growing rapidly; a 900 percent increase since '08 was reported. Twitter is getting name checked by "The Daily Show" and has President Barack Obama involved. "I am one of the President's followers. He has not posted in a while but he was an active user back in January," Day said. Obama has 339,500 followers on his site.

Twitter has been asked if it will be the next Facebook, but for now they will stay separate.

According to Entertainment Weekly, Facebook wanted to buy Twitter in October, but the \$500 million deal fell apart. Twitter founders and Facebook staff are still in talks. "I personally hope Facebook is not replaced. I have never had problems with Facebook. I Twitter but I am not too fond of it. I have tried blogging and sometimes it does not work. I have seen the "failing whale" too many times. It has become annoying. The more I do Twitter I realize that it really holds no interest for me," Day said.

The "fail whale" is a cartoonish image people love to hate. A giant whale being lifted out of an ocean by a small flock of tweeting birds appears when the site has failed to load.

"I enjoy using Twitter, it gives me something meaningless to do when I am bored and I can post my feelings when I have a bad day. It is kind of neat to see what all my friends are doing and keep them updated on what I am doing. The celebrities use Twitter and if you're a follower of theirs, you can see what they posted that day. I love to know what is going on in the entertainment world. I have received the "fail whale" a few times but he is harmless. The way I look at it, if you have time to blog you have time to wait to blog," Wilson said.

As seen when logged on, Twitter's most used phrase is, "What are you doing?"

This is one phenomenon that Mansfield University has mixed feelings about it. Twitter has no end in sight, however, and has lots of room for improvement.

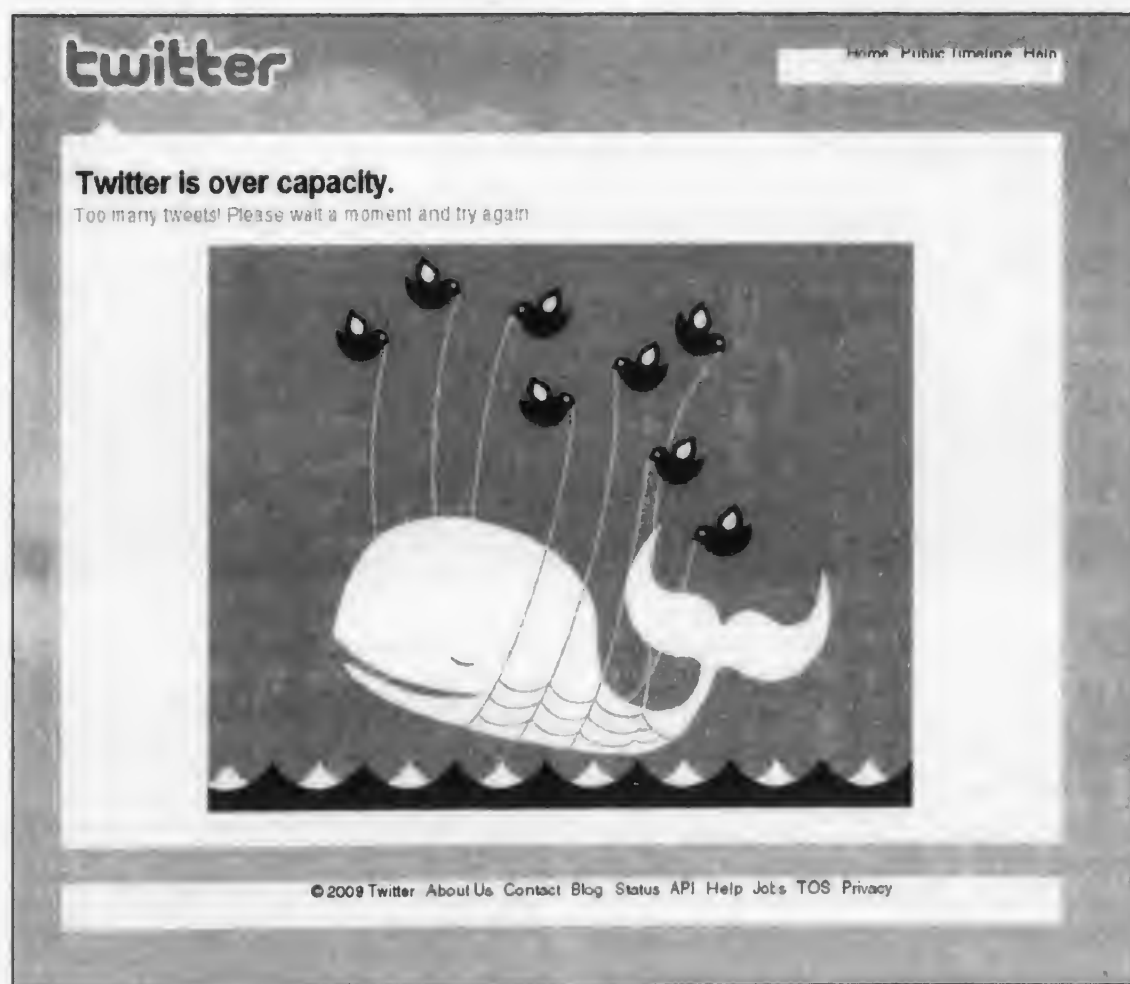


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Twitter has become so popular with internet users that the site actually reaches capacity. When that happens users trying to log in to Twitter will see the "fail whale."



# North Hall remains popular with student computer users

By NICK ABEL  
Flashlight Writer

As technology continues to grow and expand, it spreads across every corner of society. From the largest office building to the smallest dorm room, computers and other high-tech devices can be found almost anywhere. The same is true at Mansfield, especially in the case of personal computer (PC) availability.

Though each dormitory on campus offers internet capability, several other locations are equipped with multiple PCs and online access. The biggest of the group is the North Hall Library, housing computers on nearly every floor. There are also ethernet stations on several floors, where students can hook-up their laptops or portable devices.

Computer labs are also open in both Allen and Elliot Hall, so long as a room monitor is on duty and no classes are being held in the rooms at the time. Each lab has between 12 and 25 computers, but students should have their TechConnect ID number and password ready to access the internet from these terminals. There is also a lab at the Doane Center, the only facility that remains open and available to students 24 hours a day.

With so many locations right here on campus, where do students prefer to go? Obviously sitting in your dorm room is convenient and accessible, but where else do computer users spend their time?

Freshman student James Willis says the convenience of multiple areas is a great help. "Whenever I need to check something online like an e-mail from a group or professor, I just stop at the library," Willis said. "It's a lot easier than running all the way back to Cedar Crest just to be online for a minute or two." Other students agree as well. "I would really rather log on from my room," said Tara Hughes, a second-year political science major, "but that's not always an option. When I only have a short break between classes, I'll just run in to Doane or North Hall if I need to go on the net."

In an effort to conserve energy and "go green" as many would say, many of the computer facilities around campus shut their units down when they close for the day. Students receive a monitor message stating how much time they have left until the systems will go offline. This excludes the Doane Center, which has no closing time.

"I think this is a good idea," said freshmen general studies major Taylor Jenkins. "Saving energy and money have no real downside, and being smart is better than being wasteful."

In a time when multi-tasking rules and free time is a fading luxury, the convenience of so many computer locations is a bonus to the active life of a college student.



PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY

In a green friendly approach, campus buildings shut down all computer units at night in an effort to save energy.

## Campus recycling program promotes environmental awareness

By JILL KAUFFMAN  
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Every two weeks, students may see a Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority recycling truck pick up recycling from blue bins outside of campus buildings. These blue bins contain mixed paper, shredded paper, plastic and aluminum.

Mansfield University has started a task force committee in order "to create a safe and sustainable campus environment to support learning," according to the web site <http://mansfield.edu/environmental-health-safety/sustainability-at-mu/>.

The committee is working on making campus more sustainable, environmentally friendly and safe. 18 members currently sit on the committee and they are looking at subjects of computer usage, incorporating sustainability into campus, utilizing campus resources and recycling. Right now recycling is the biggest focus of the committee.

Dr. Jimmy Guignard, a member on the committee, said that the committee started a few years ago as the Environmental Task Force. The current committee is trying to determine how to further make campus sustainable. "There are still places where we can improve," Guignard said.

What exactly does get recycled on campus? Besides plastic, aluminum and mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, newspapers, magazines, electronics and leaves also get recycled. In 2007, the largest amount of recycled material

was electronics at 26,502 pounds, followed by 14,823 pounds of mixed paper.

Mansfield also attempts to buy recycled products as well. According to Mansfield's web site, the four tables in the South Hall Mall and the 15 benches located on campus are made from 100 percent recycled plastic. Nearly all of the bathroom tissue is made from 100 percent recycled paper, and most of the cleaning products have been certified to be green products. Additionally, Southern Tier Hide and Tallow reuses the cooking oil used in Manser.

According to Vincent Nykiel, Manager of Campus Services, Mansfield is currently in year two of a five year recycling contract with Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority. The recycling is taken to a recycling center in Burlington, Pa. Electronic recycling is picked up at Brooks Maintenance as necessary by EZ PC Recycling, which is based in Sinking Spring, Pa. Students can drop off their electronic recycling at Brooks Maintenance, or they can mail it over.

Old library books are also recycled. Because these books are state property, they cannot be given away to charity. Nykiel said that campus is looking to expand this service to students. He also said that they want to work on getting glass recycling on campus. Much of the glass generated on campus comes from Manser, so the committee hopes to work with Food Services to begin glass recycling. 450 mixed paper recycling bins have



PHOTO BY JILL KAUFFMAN

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority picks up recycling every two weeks from Mansfield University.

been dropped off in faculty and staff offices. Recently, Cedarcrest has had mixed paper recycling bins added to the aluminum and plastic collection bins. Laurel will receive mixed paper recycling containers within the next few weeks. Nykiel says this is largely due to student request. "The more involvement we have by students, the better," Nykiel said.

The committee meets the first Monday of every month at 4 p.m. in the South Conference Room on fifth floor North Hall Library. If students want to become involved or have any questions for the committee, they can e-mail Dr. Guignard at [jguignar@mansfield.edu](mailto:jguignar@mansfield.edu).

### In 2007 Mansfield University recycled:

Aluminum Cans: 831 lbs.  
Plastic Bottles: 6,525 lbs.  
Newspapers: 4,129 lbs.  
Mixed Paper: 14,823 lbs.  
Magazines: 3,450 lbs.

For more information please visit:  
<http://mansfield.edu/environmental-health-safety/sustainability-at-mu/>



# "The Haunting in Connecticut" delivers more clichés than scares

By JAMIE CURTIS  
Flashlight Writer

Like scary movies? Demonic messengers, séances and other dark, bizarre events can be expected with "The Haunting in Connecticut."

According to rottentomatoes.com, the film received a meager 20 percent from critics, yet it ranked number three at the box office this past week, with total revenue at \$9.6 million since being released in theaters on March 27. The film is rated PG-13 for sequences of terror and disturbing images.

"The Haunting in Connecticut" is supposedly based on the Snedeker family's real life encounter with the supernatural. The film focuses on teenager Matt Campbell who is undergoing a trial cancer treatment at a local hospital. Matt and his family relocate to Southington, Conn.

The Campbells soon learn that their

new house has a disturbing history. The home was a funeral parlor where gruesome acts occurred. The previous owner, Dr. Aickman, conducted séances in the house, using his assistant Jonah as a medium, who convinced skeptics of his abilities. Dr. Aickman and his guests died during one of the séances and Jonah went missing.

Matt Campbell takes a bedroom in the basement of the house. Not long after he begins to see, hear and experience things from the medium Jonah's point of view. He sees a doctor who inscribes symbols onto hundreds of corpses. His hallucinations are first blamed on his medication. Later Matt contacts Nicholas, a minister, whom he meets at the hospital and asks for his help.

The overall acting of the cast was decent, but the old haunted house clichés failed to produce an interesting plot. People die, a

house becomes possessed by angry demonic entities who want to kill the current inhabitants and a priest tries to either soothe or rid the house of these evil entities. Now haven't we seen similar things in films such as "The Amityville Horror" and "The Exorcist?"

Some of the movie plot events are so outrageous and over-the-top that they could make someone question the legitimacy of the whole "based on a true story" claim.

The film plot offers movie-goers a few good scares between the amazing, dramatic fluff. Besides the few scary moments that the film provides, there's not much else to take in.



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"The Haunting in Connecticut" tells the story of a family living in a haunted home that used to be a funeral parlor.

## CD Review: "All in a Day's Work"

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
Special to the Flashlight

In a genre that's as saturated with gimmicks as hip hop music, it can be very difficult to pick apart the artists from the actors. So when rapper Saigon and producer Statik Selektah came together out of the blue and announced they would be releasing a digital-only album, it raised a few questions within the independent scene, mostly about motif.

When they announced via YouTube that the album was started and finished in 24 hours, many more eyebrows were raised. The result of this 24-hour marathon session, however, is silencing. The album, aptly titled "All in a Day's Work," is a genuine display of great minds at work and music with a meaning.

The album opens with a soul-inspired sample, singing the lyric, "I've got a long time to grow/I've got many stories to be told." The lyric is a testament to the many struggles the 28-year old emcee has endured throughout his young career, including incarceration, a brief period of retirement and on-going label problems with Atlantic Records. Saigon's debut album, ironically titled "The Greatest Story Never Told," has still yet to be released. Consider this his answer to any detractors wondering if he'd ever tell it.

Literally, Saigon is on point. Using an array of multi-syllable bars and different rhyme schemes, he reminds listeners what rap is supposed to sound like. His subject matter is all over the place, which does hurt the consistency and flow of the album.

Fortunately, Saigon is as potent when talking about where the game is as he is when talking about his personal conflicts.

On the track "The Reason," Saigon politely explains where he stands in comparison to the rest of the rap game: "I'm every lyricist spittin' this/I'm the things they want to say but won't."

While Saigon rehearses verses, Statik Selektah holds down the background with beats that leave little to be desired. The production is a throwback to a time when cellular ringtones didn't exist and the only people who made dances to go along with their songs were MC Hammer and Young MC. With the right mix of samples and original instruments, Statik provides a backdrop worthy of accolades and a handful of proof as to why he is considered one of the best up and coming producers in the genre.

The only major gripe with "All in a Day's Work" is that it's not nearly long enough, which is understandable when you consider that their primary goal was to make good music and their secondary was to do so within 24 hours. In keeping with the old school vibe, the album is only 11 tracks deep and plays more like an extended play (EP) than a full-length album.

"All in a Day's Work" really doesn't do anything new or ground-breaking. Instead, it gives everyone a breath of the old, something many listeners have forgotten or never really experienced. It is in recreating this sound where the album truly succeeds.

The blend of an old school sound with new school ideas (recording in 24 hours, making the album digitally exclusive, etc) is a recipe for success. The fact that the ingredients are top of the line doesn't hurt either.



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Rapper Saigon and producer Statik Selektah finished "All in a Day's Work" in 24 hours.

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# Stress Aware

*What to do when the rain comes down...*



## Take a break

The best way to relieve stress is to get away from it. Step away and get it off your mind. Exercise, go to yoga, take a snack break--- do what ever you need to escape the situation for half an hour.

When you come back to the situation you may see it from a different light and be able to approach the your tasks with a clear mind.

If your stress is caused because of a conflict with another, a little breather can keep you from saying something you may regret later.

Chances are you are not the only one who needs a break, so text a friend and ask him or her to go for a lelsurely walk.



## Where to Go for Help:

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Campus Minister  
112 Pinecrest Ma  
Rev. Deb Casey  
Protestant Campus M  
(570) 662-4432



# Business Month

## Ask for Help

Don't feel like you are obligated to do everything on your own. Whether it's work or a group project, ask for help.

Taking on too much by yourself can leave you drained and miserable. Delegating tasks to others can lighten your load and make your stress more manageable.

You might not be able to ask people to do certain things for you like term papers and speeches, but asking the professor for clarification or advice can give you a clearer idea of what is expected from you.

Also ask your roommates to help with any chores or grocery shopping that you are unable to do. Being understanding of other people's bad days is important when sharing close quarters.

# No!

## Say NO!

There is nothing wrong with helping another person out, but you shouldn't feel obligated to help everyone with everything.

Don't take on more than you can handle. If you know your week is going to be packed, don't feel guilty about not volunteering for a club event. There are plenty of other people who can help.

Don't volunteer if you don't have the time. Just because you are known as a great proofreader doesn't mean that you should become the copy editor for all your friends' research papers. There are campus organizations like the Writing Center to help with such problems.

Make time for you. Say no even if you do have time, because you deserve a break from your own life problems.

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# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

*Wheels on the campus keep on turning...*



Yo and hello Mansfield!

This week I've been experiencing campus from a new perspective. I recently had ankle surgery to correct a lingering field hockey injury, which left me confined to crutches for up to ten weeks. Anyone who has ever strolled through our campus knows that the hills are tough for an able-bodied person. Navigating the hills of Mansfield on crutches -- not fun.

Fortunately, I have had the ability to check out a "jazzy" from Doane Police Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays when I have to be on campus. (I am a bit concerned, however, that I've never had to show identification or sign anything to access one.) In case you weren't reading last week's Trashlight, a jazzy is a motorized chair that makes getting around this campus a lot easier for those of us who don't have biceps the size of tree trunks. It comes with a side mirror, two horns, headlights for late night cruising and it goes from

turtle to bunny in no time. I thought using the jazzy would end my woes getting around campus. Sadly, that wasn't the case.

I am interning this semester, so I only have one class on campus, which meets in Allen. Working with The Flashlight, SGA and COF, I spend a lot of time in Alumni as well.

My first day on the jazzy, I felt a little silly zipping through South Hall Mall, awkwardly navigating doorways and finding the roundabout paths to access buildings. I'd never stopped to think how hard it could be to get to buildings without using stairs.

Alumni didn't offer too many challenges. (A special thank you goes out to all of the anonymous helping hands who have held the door and waited for me to jazz through.) Allen, however, was a different story.

It was my first time traversing campus with my motorized aid, so I wasn't sure how long it would take to get to class. Just to be safe, I stayed on the bunny side of the speed dial and soon enough, I found myself bumping through the uneven pavement at the lower door of Allen. I cruised over to the lift near the stairs, but to my surprise, I was informed that it did not work. My classroom was impossible to access without going up or down 16 stairs.

At first, I had no idea how to proceed. I hadn't thought I would need crutches when I had a jazzy. It had never occurred to me that our campus would have such a n inaccessible area.

I did make it to class that day, but only after Shantee Proctor (our SGA president who works in Allen in media services), basically carried me up the stairs. It must have been a laughable sight, but if Shantee (seen in photo) and I weren't such close friends, I would have been in an awkward and degrading situation. (Now I bring the crutches and the jazzy everywhere I go.)

Another situation arose last night at the Outstanding Student Service Awards banquet in North Manser. (P.S. Congratulations to all of the honorees!) I couldn't find the elevator to get to the dining room; so instead, I hopped up every step, which was a slow and arduous task. I found out later that there was an elevator that allowed access to that area, but users had to trek through the kitchen to get to it.

North Manser is used for a variety of events and traveling through the kitchen could easily be a hazard. A wet floor could send crutches (and the person using them) flying. In the middle of a meal, elevator users could easily be in the way of hot trays and be at risk for a culinary collision.

I don't have cause to enter every building on campus, but acquaintances have informed me that this year is the first year Butler has had an elevator and that getting to Pinecrest on wheels practically requires Mapquest. At the recent Josh Gracin concert, I spent the show watching the backs of the people in front of me because from the jazzy, I couldn't see the stage. (No loss though. I think Gracin is a creep, based on his post concert behavior. Wanna know more, like how he took off his wedding ring at the bar to hit on students? E-mail us!)

Looking around our campus, it's disappointing that the level of handicapped accessibility isn't higher. I love our campus. (Yes, even those hills.) Others should have the same opportunity to love these things too, but if they are restricted physically, they may never have the chance.

The college selection process is difficult for anyone, but for future students who are looking to accommodate a wheel chair or jazzy, it's a little tougher. Every student should be able to appreciate Mansfield, not just those who can do cartwheels through it.

Think we should work in the future to correct these shortcomings? Think I'm wrong? E-mail us at flashlit@mansfield.edu.

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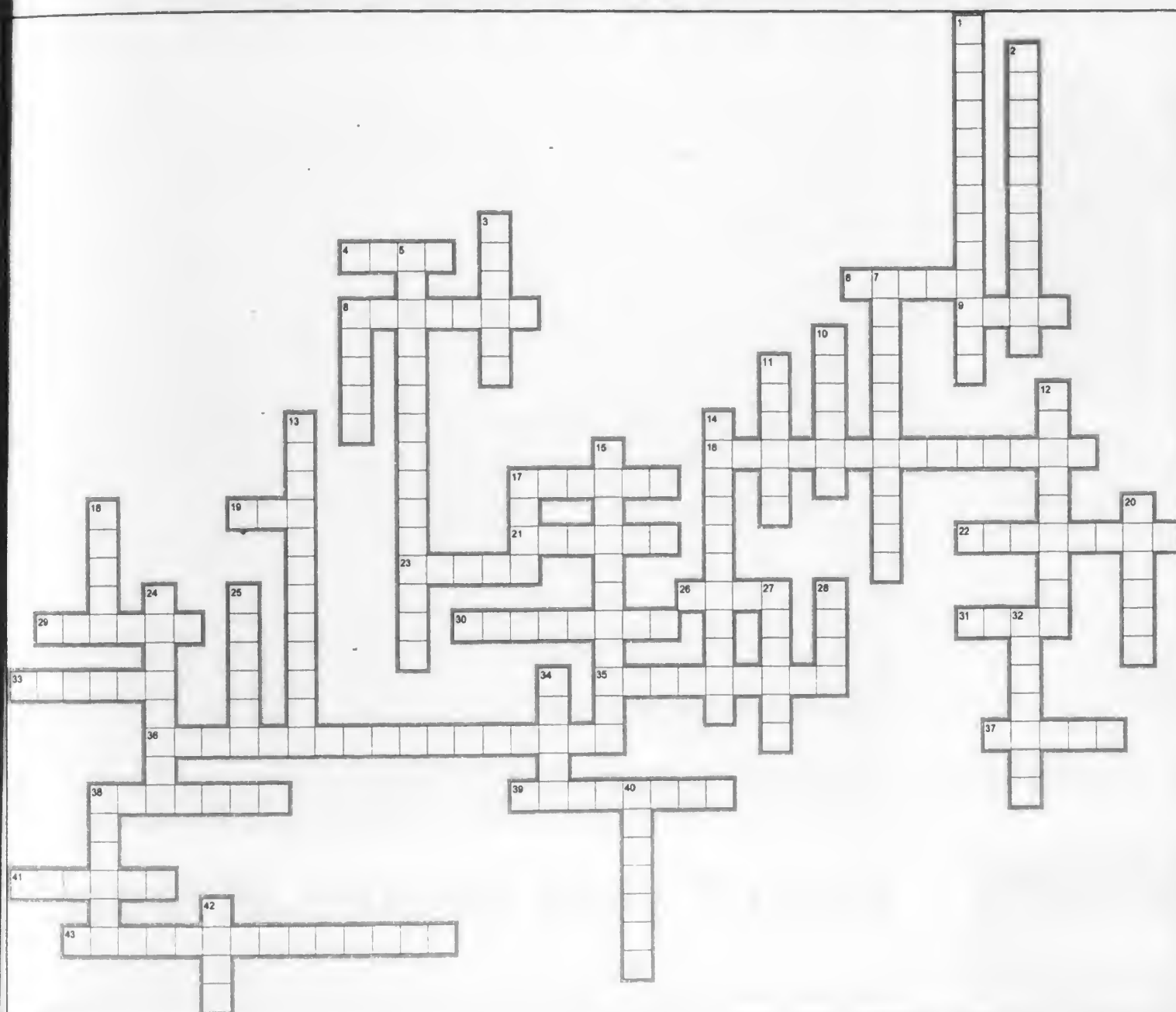
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# Flashlight Puzzle Page



3. From the early German word "eostarun"
5. The two months Easter is celebrated in
7. Made out of leaves, moss and grass
8. Contents of baskets
10. A big meal at the end of the day
11. The day Easter is celebrated on
12. Popular sweet treat
13. An expression used during the holiday
14. Ingredient in 23 down
15. Friday before Easter
17. Usually found during a Easter hunt and brightly colored
18. The month when Easter is celebrated
20. Where most individuals go Easter morning
24. Salty twisted brown snack originally associated with Easter because of its resemblance to arms crossed during prayer
25. Needed to carrying Easter goodies in
27. The season Easter is celebrated in
28. Ribbons worn in hair
32. What the Easter egg symbolizes
34. Another word for coloring eggs
38. Marching event that celebrates holidays
40. Popular brand of 12 down
42. The opposite of search

Solution to last week's puzzle:

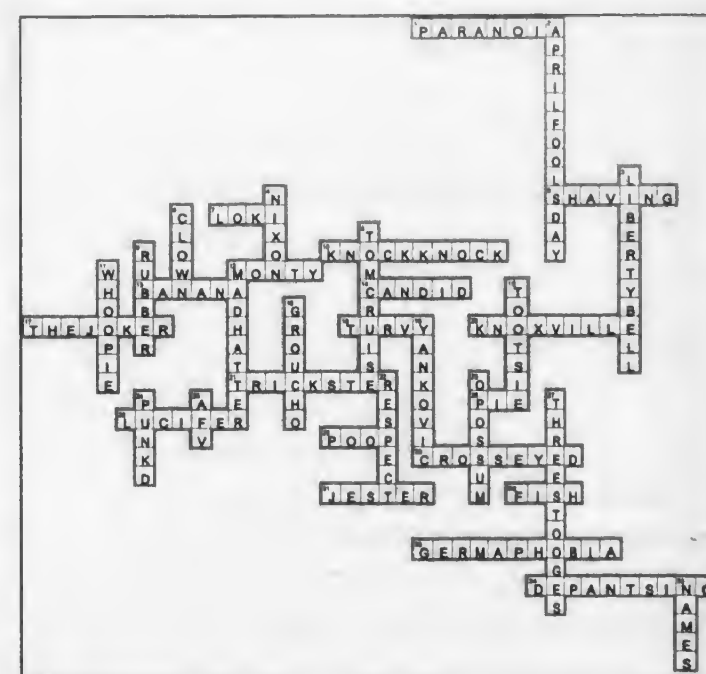
## Across

4. A fluffy and gentle symbol for Easter
6. Cottontail rabbit that hops down the bunny trail
8. The Easter bunny's favorite treat
9. 40-day fasting period that ends before Easter
16. First U.S. President to hold an Easter Egg roll for children on the White House lawn
17. Where first chocolate Easter egg recipe was made
19. How bunnies get around
21. Where rabbits can be found
22. Easter bright colors represent the bright \_\_\_\_\_ of spring time
23. Seasonal treats shaped like birds
26. Children eat this part first of chocolate bunnies
29. Spring is full of pastel these
30. Lights, candles and \_\_\_\_\_ represent Easter celebrations in many countries
31. Usually confused with a Rabbit
33. Hops to and fro
35. Yellow flowers
36. Known to be the special

37. Easter flower Religious symbol in relation to Easter
38. Egg painting custom
39. Activity during Easter usually for children
41. Home of the largest Easter egg in the world
43. Published The Tale of Peter Rabbit

## Down

1. Wrote the words to "Easter Parade" in 1933
2. Small sweet treats unlike regular beans



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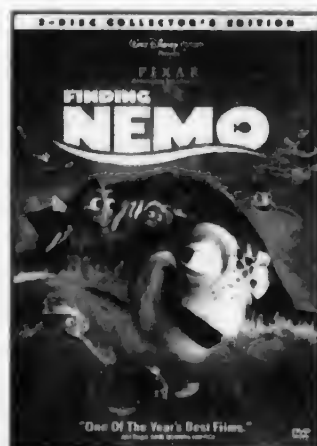


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## How well do you know... Finding Nemo

1. What type of fish is Marlin?
  - a. tuna
  - b. clown fish
  - c. star fish
  - d. gold fish
2. What is Dory's motto?
  - a. "Just do it."
  - b. "Just say no."
  - c. "Just keep swimming."
  - d. "Just breath."
3. Whose fish tank does Nemo end up in?
  - a. a dentist
  - b. a doctor
  - c. a lawyer
  - d. a pilot
4. What address does Dory remember?
  - a. P. Sherman Wallaby Way, Sydney
  - b. R. Wallace Aardvark Avenue, Florence
  - c. Q. Johnson Lion Lane, Bridgetown
  - d. H. Nelson Camel Canal, Cairo



answers: 1. b 2. c 3. a 4. a

## Watch your money at work

The Committee of Finance (COF) allocates and monitors funds collected from the student activity fee's that are used to promote the general academic, social and cultural welfare of the campus. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact COF chairperson Beka Brown at [brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu) or COF secretary Kris Dumschat at [dumschatk17@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:dumschatk17@mounties.mansfield.edu).

The committee met last Thursday, March 26, and allocated funds for the following groups:

**Residence Hall Association** was allocated \$6,125.36.00 for their annual block party, pending a review of their budget.

**Campus Crusades for Christ** was allocated \$225.72 for a part to complete their sound system.

**Biology Club** was allocated \$1,441.90 for meals, lodging and travel 17 students to go on a white water rafting trip.

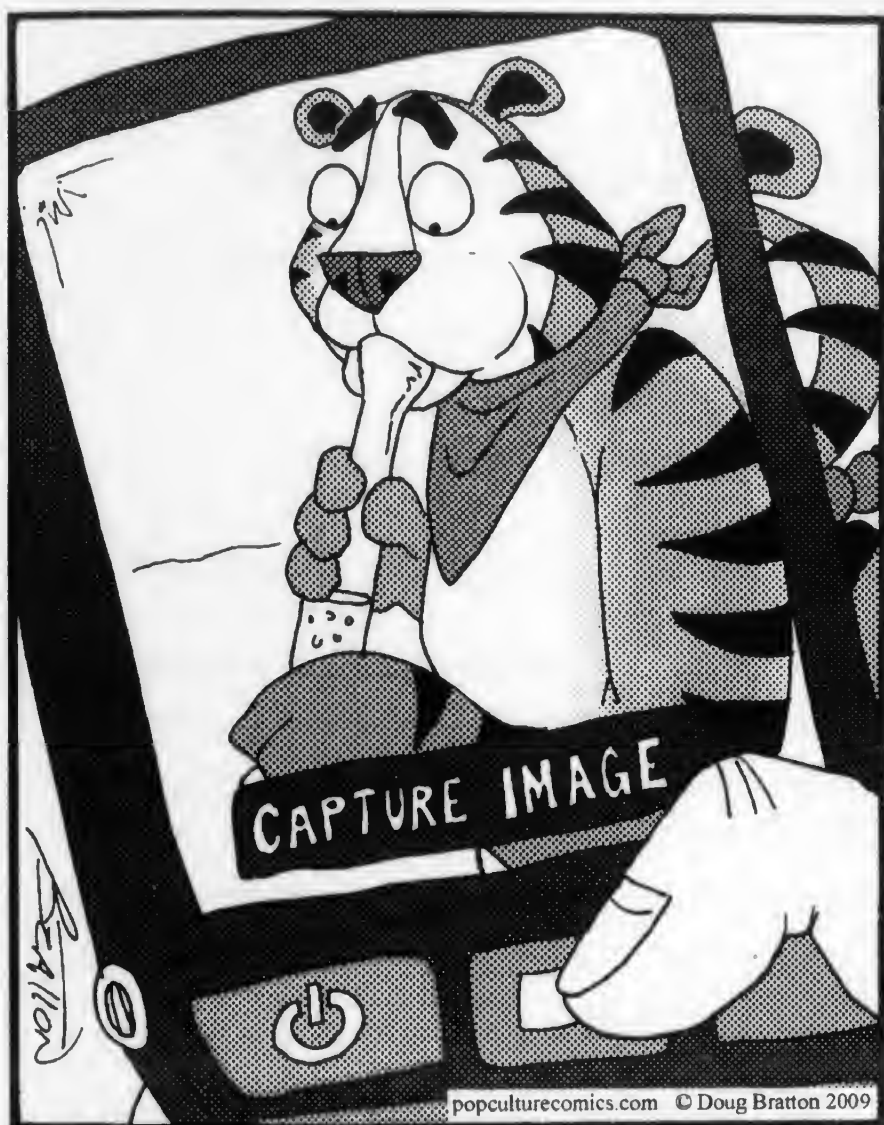
Remaining emergency account (as of 2/12/09): \$126,623.04

Remaining capital account (as of 2/19/09): \$77,631.83

**Important Reminder:** There is only one more day of COF budget hearings. If your club or organization has not yet submitted a budget or received a budget appointment, e-mail chairperson Beka Brown immediately. Those who do not submit a budget will have no starting funds for the 2009-2010 academic year.



# Flashlight Comics



Tony the Tiger also lost a cereal endorsement and his place on the U.S. Olympic Swim Team.



Mr. Potatohead's agent would second-guess the *Iron Chef* booking for many years.

Have a question for SGA president Shantee Proctor or university president Maravene Loeschke?

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Jamie K. Congrats kiddo! It's been wonderful watching you grow and become such a promising young adult. You've worked so hard and made us so proud. Enjoy the day, you deserve it! Love Mom, Dad, Sam & Rob.



# Operation Sports Fanatics has commenced

By NICOLE HAGAN  
Flashlight Sports Editor

Where can you see Tiger Woods go up against Kobe Bryant in a one-on-one match-up? The answer: Room 314 in the Alumni Hall Student Center.

Mansfield's Operation Sports Fanatics (OSF), a newly developed organization dedicated to the discussion of sports, is the referee of such debates. After making the starting lineup this past February when the Student Government Association (SGA) declared it an official organization, the club has developed a strategy to give students a structured opportunity to talk about sports.

"The club is really the first of its kind," OSF Facebook coordinator Owie Egharevba said. "You get to meet new people and talk about sports that you normally don't get the chance to learn about."

Despite the organization's recent induction into the big leagues and its new stadium in 314 Alumni, the club's humble beginnings began last semester on the playing field of Maple Hall - 3A.

"It started with a bunch of people on my floor getting together and talking about sports," OSF President Cordell Crawley said. "Eventually, it spread by word of mouth and now we have a group of ten or more people who come in every Friday."

The organization, while still in the early stages of development, has grown in its roster and has added more depth to its lineup of topics.

"At first it was primarily an open forum - just bring in a topic and talk," Crawley said. "Now we're more structured with one-

on-one debates, games and other interactive forms of discussion."

The topics are timely and the modes of discussion are diverse. Meetings typically begin with one-on-one debates that may ask such questions as "who's currently the best overall athlete in their sport?" or "who's the best player in college basketball?" Members of the group will volunteer to participate in the discussions, providing their main points as well as disputing their teammate's choices. The remaining panel may ask questions after both sides have been presented, and then a secret vote is tallied to decide the winner. Match-ups such as Kobe vs. Tiger and Blake Griffin vs. Hasheem Thabeet take center court in these debates, but anyone is eligible for the game.

"OSF gives you the chance to say what you want, learn new things and come out and have a good time," Crawley said. "All opinions are respected here and we have a moderator for the debates to ensure that everyone gets a fair opportunity to express those opinions."

After the one-on-one debates, an open discussion typically follows with questions presented from the moderator. "Who are your early MLB picks for MVP and championship teams?" "Will Tiger Woods' health affect his game?" "Should the NBA institute the three-step travel rule?" and "Should the Lions stay with the number one pick in the draft?" are all questions brought up during the discussion. The hour-long conference allows students to play the position of sports commentator, expressing stats to support their opinions, while the less-than informed have the opportunity to sit back and learn a thing or two.

"We encourage anyone who's passionate



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Yogi Roth, UNC quarterback coach will visit Mansfield University on Thursday, April 16 to give a motivational speech inspired by Pete Carroll's new initiative "win forever."

about sports to come to the meetings, even if they don't know much," Crawley said. "It's an opportunity to learn. While we'd prefer that everyone participate, no one is going to force you if you don't feel ready to jump into the conversation."

And have no fear, one-sport followers - this club is open to the discussion of any kind of athletics. No sport is off limits. After the suggested questions have been discussed, members are allowed to bring up any sports news they feel deserves a little recognition.

Additionally, while the organization covers everything from March Madness and early MLB picks to NCAA wrestling and tennis' Venus and Serena Williams, one of the group's main goals is to provide intelligent conversation and a supportive foundation for Mansfield's Division II sports programs.

"One of our goals is to establish a stronger connection between students and Mansfield athletics," Crawley said. "Eventually, we want to improve the school spirit and work with the MU Crew to build athletic support. As the club has progressed, we've started incorporating more Mansfield sports into our discussions. For instance, two weeks ago we were talking about the baseball team's head coach and all of his accomplishments. At the end of the basketball season, we talked about the future of the team and made predictions concerning how well they'll do in the future. We want this campus to become more involved and supportive of our athletes."

As the organization grows, so does its goals. Currently, two of their objectives include getting University of Southern California

(USC) quarterback coach Yogi Roth to come in and speak in addition to working to fix up the playground behind Maple Hall.

OSF Vice President, Adam Palmatier and Maple Resident Director, Vince Walker came up with the idea of inviting Roth to Mansfield University. Roth's motivational speech attempts to spread the word on USC head coach Pete Carroll's new initiative, "win forever."

"Pete Carroll is a college football god, so naturally his initiative is well known," Palmatier said. "It's new though, so we're lucky to be catching it before it gets expensive. Yogi's lecture discusses leadership and how to take what you are good at and win with it in life. It ties sports in with what the campus as a whole is trying to do and the Mansfield creed of leadership. Obviously, being a sports group, we are geared towards sports speakers with a message. His message is leadership, and that leadership knowledge is coming from a dominant college powerhouse in USC - a coaching staff that has put out the likes of Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and soon-to-be NFL quarterback Mark Sanchez."

Roth is scheduled to give his motivational speech in either the Alumni Student Center or Allen Hall on April 16. The event is being sponsored by both OSF and MAC.

"We're hoping for a huge turnout with the sprint football team," Palmatier said. "It'd be great for them to go, being football players in a new program."

If interested in joining OSF and the opportunities it provides, the organization meets every Friday at 4 p.m. in room 314 of the Alumni Hall Student Center.



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Kobe Bryant and Tiger Woods go head-to-head for the title of "best athlete in their sport" during OSF debates.



# Track and field face the wind in the PSAC West

By CARTER TOMSA

Flashlight Sports Writer

Mansfield University track and field traveled to California University of Pennsylvania (CalU) on Saturday, April 4 to compete



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John McDonnell placed fifth in the 5000 meter run with a time of 17:52.23 at the CalU PSAC West Challenge.

against other teams and the wind in the PSAC West Challenge.

The weather was bad, and not ideal for an outdoor track meet. Winds reached 20 to 30 miles an hour.

"It was a hard day, but we handled the weather the best we could," Mike Gray said. "Weather factors obviously swayed the performance of some, but we still have room for improvement."

Despite the weather, Gray led the men's team with a first place finish (14.78m) in the shot put. He also finished fourth in the discus (43.00m) and hammer throws (45.8m). Craig Barber also had a first place finish in the men's pole vault with a height of 5.57m.

Brenae Edwards finished second for the women's side in the 3000 meter run with a time of 10:35.23.

"Brenae ran well for us," teammate Noah Billig said. "She came through against the wind, as did the rest of our team."

Kevin Cusworth, John McDonnell and Brady Finogle placed third (16:40.55), fourth (18:10.59) and fifth (18:52.23) respectively in the 5000 meter run for Mansfield's distance runners. Freshman Henry Potter placed 13 in the 400 meter dash (53.77) and 17 in the 200 meter dash (24.25) and was followed two places later in the 200 by Buddy Winward who clocked in at 25.11.

Other athletes on the men's side included Mason Teribury, who placed ninth in the 400 meter hurdles (59.83), Craig Barber, who tied

for first in the men's pole vault with a height of 4.57 meters and Justen Johnson, who took fourth in the triple jump (12.57m) and 10 in the 400 meter dash (55.44).

On the women's side, Janelle Toter brought home fifth (13.01) and sixth (26.81) place finishes in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Abbie Waltz finished fifth (1:08.29) overall in the 400 meter hurdles, while Megan Savioli placed eighth (1:10.34) in the event. Alicia Edkin also brought home an eighth place finish for the women in the discus with a distance of 26.80m. Her eighth place finish was in addition to a 13 place finish in the shot put (9.15m) and an 11 place finish in the hammer throw (28.22m).

Carly Klinger, Kelly Hollenbeck, Megan Smickley and Sarah Vivona also contributed on the women's side. Klinger earned an 11 place finish in the 400 meter dash (1:03.34), Hollenbeck earned a 16 place finish in the 800 meter run (2:40.77), Smickley placed 15 in the 1500 meter hurdles (5:41.05) and Vivona followed three places behind, earning 18 in the event with a time of 6:18.62.

Despite the team's success, Mansfield had some issues concerning team injuries during the meet. "Not the whole team traveled here because we are hurt with injuries right now," Mansfield high-jumper Bryant Rager said. "It was a good meet overall though and we did well, despite the weather that was against us."

Mansfield track will be busy the next couple of weeks getting ready for the Collegiate



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION  
Henry Potter placed 13 in the 400 meter dash with a time of 53.77 and 17 in the 200 meter dash where the freshman clocked in at 24.25.

Track Championship (CTC) on the 18 as well as the Bucknell Distance Classic next Friday, April 10.

## Baseball picks up first conference wins of the season

By OLGUIN PERDOMO

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University baseball team swept the Bloomsburg Huskies to pick up their first conference wins this past Sunday, April 5.

In the first game, Bloomsburg had a 4-0 lead off the Mansfield starter Irv Sleighter going into the bottom of the fourth.

However, the inning would not be over before Mansfield's offense lashed out with six runs that included a leadoff home run by Chris Coleman and a homer over the center field scoreboard by senior Nate Grove.

Tyler Noel came in as the relief effort for Sleighter in the fourth to earn his first win of the season and Joe Will picked up the save, striking out two and allowing only two hits throughout the final three innings.

Kevin Miller went 4-4 in the opener while Nate Grove went 2-3 with a double, home run and 2 RBIs.

In the nightcap, pitcher Chris Zelko was untouchable on the mound, putting away the starting nine hitters before allowing a two run home run in the sixth. Zelko allowed just one hit, while striking out three throughout the

first six innings before Noel came in as the relief pitcher in the seventh. Noel put away the last two batters he faced to earn his first save of the season, while Zelko's record improved to 3-3. For his efforts against Bloomsburg, Zelko was named PSAC East Pitcher of the week. Zelko currently leads the Mansfield pitchers with a 2.88 earned run average (era).

Mansfield started out game two with a solo homer into right center from leadoff batter K. Miller in the bottom of the first. K. Miller struck again in the bottom of the second, singling down the middle to bring in Drew Bair and Grove. The Mountaineers struck one last time in the bottom of the fourth when senior Tony Battisti hit a three-run home run over the center field fence, giving the team the 6-3 win and their first conference sweep of the season.

"The team seemed to really turn a corner," Mansfield student Andrew Napoli said. "They got a lot more of the ball and the hits just kept coming, which was a really good sight to see."

K. Miller and Battisti led the Mansfield offense in game two. K. Miller went 3-3, with a home run and three RBIs while Battisti went

1-1 with three RBIs with his second home run of the season. On the day, K. Miller went a perfect 7-7 at the plate.

"The wins were big for us because we are competing with the huskies for a playoff spot," Mansfield third baseman Cody Stinger said. "It's also a huge confidence booster to our team because we played well. We hit well and pitched well and fielded well. We finally put everything together and played like we know how to. I believe things will start going our way more as the season progresses."

Mansfield was originally scheduled to play against Bloomsburg at home on Saturday and away on Sunday, but the games were postponed due to inclement weather. Due to these changes, the double header against Slippery Rock University that was originally scheduled for that Sunday was cancelled.

Additionally, since the poor weather continues, the postponed Bloomsburg game that was rescheduled for Monday, April 6 will be pushed back for a second time and is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 8 at 1 p.m. The Tuesday game against Lake Erie College was also cancelled.



PHOTO BY ADAM MURLAND  
Chris Coleman hit a home run in the bottom of the fourth to start Mansfield on a six run inning that would give them a 6-4 come from behind win.



# Tar Heels trample the Spartans in NCAA Championship

By JIMMY KOCHMER

Flashlight Sports Writer

And the winner of the 2009 Men's NCAA basketball Championship is... The North Carolina Tar Heels.

The University of North Carolina (UNC) battled it out against the Michigan State Spartans and prevailed with an 89-72 victory, earning their fifth NCAA title in the history of the program.

Similar to their win against Villanova in the Final Four game, UNC started out strong and never stopped. The Spartans led once by a margin of 3-2, but it only lasted 19 seconds until Tar Heel guard Danny Green hit a three-pointer to squash any momentum that Michigan State had going for them. UNC proceeded to jump out to a 22-7 lead seven minutes into play and never looked back.

Led by point guard Ty Lawson, the Heels

ran up and down the court, scoring at will. The Spartans struggled shooting the ball in the first half and could never catch up to North Carolina.

The halftime lead was 55-34, in favor of the Heels, which set a record for the largest scoring deficit at the half in NCAA tournament history.

The Spartans came out in the second half trying to make a run to get back into the game. They chipped away and had the Heels lead down to 13 with about four minutes to go, but the deficit was too much to overcome for the Spartans.

Michigan State shot 40 percent from the floor, but compiled 21 turnovers throughout the night, which UNC converted into 25 points.

The champion Tar Heels were led in scoring by Lawson, who had 21 points, Wayne

Ellington, who had 19, and Tyler Hansbrough who had 18.

The Spartans were led in scoring by Goran Sutton who had 17 and Kalin Lucas chipped in with 14.

Despite the win, the road to NCAA victory wasn't an easy one for the Tar Heels. Burdened with injuries from Hansbrough, Lawson, Marcus Ginyard and Tyler Zeller and a shaky start in ACC conference play, UNC's path was never a certain thing.

"It was one of the hardest years I've ever had in coaching," head Tar Heel coach Roy Williams said.

However, despite the struggle, seniors Lawson, Ellington, Green and Hansbrough end their collegiate careers as NCAA champions.

"It's the best way to go out and I couldn't have pictured it any other way," Hansbrough said. "We climbed and we did it."

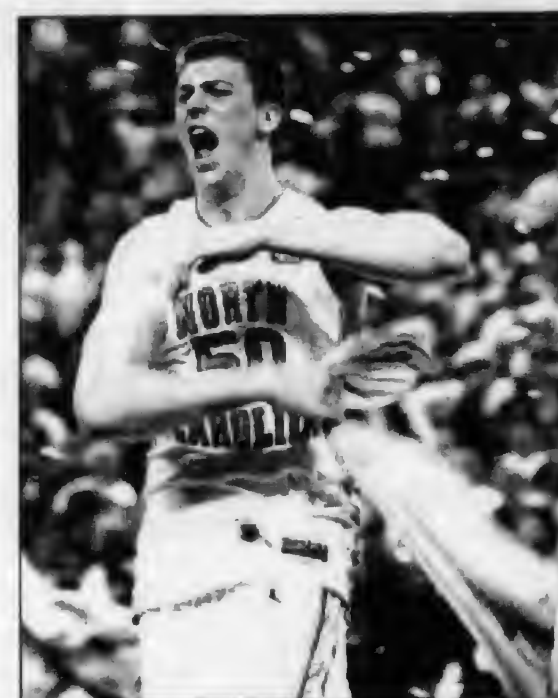


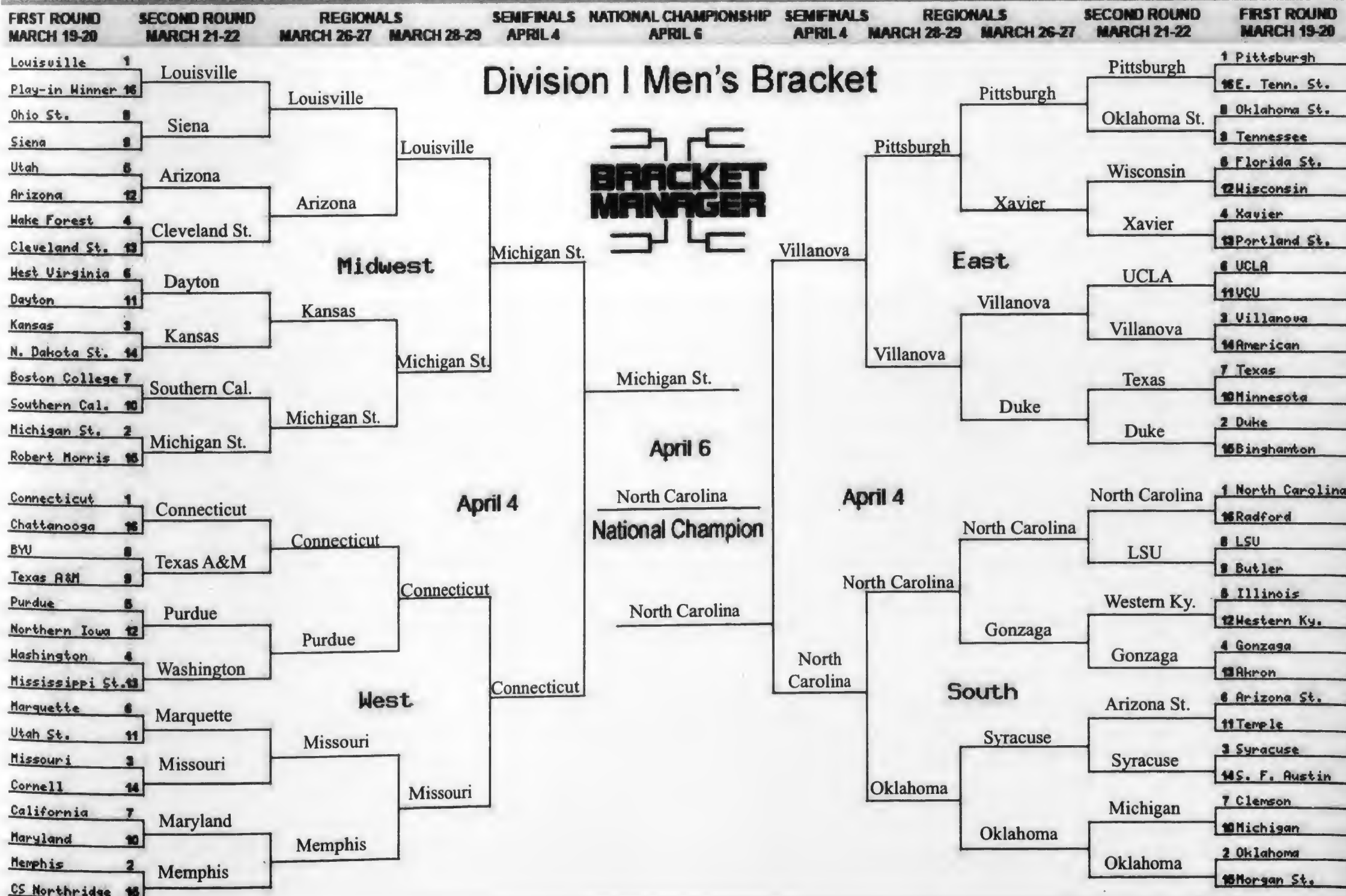
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Tyler Hansbrough ends his collegiate basketball holding the ACC scoring record, averaging 20.7 points per game and 8.1 rebounds.

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## Jarrell Hill earns silver at National Boxing Championship

By DANELLE MILLER

*Flashlight Copy Editor*

Jarrell Hill and Solomon Isom of the Mansfield University Boxing team traveled to the University of Maryland to compete in the National Championship Thursday, April 2 through Saturday, April 4.

Isom, seated eighth, faced Mike Steadman of Navy at the 175 weight class on Thursday.

"Solomon ran into a buzz saw," head coach Richard Gillespie said. "Steadman was fast and hard hitting. Solomon was not in the fight from the beginning, but he held his own. Steadman hit Solomon more than Solomon hit him and in the third round Solomon got hit in the stomach and lost his breath. The referee stopped the contest." Steadman won the bout.

"Solomon knows he has a lot of work to do for next year," Gillespie said. "Solomon's a talented athlete and has potential to become a strong boxer. He needs to work on his defense and that's the most difficult thing to learn. He needs to keep his head and feet moving and

find a target to hit. However, he hits well and is gutsy, so when he gets his technique under control, he'll do quite well."

Hill had his first bout on Thursday when he defeated Dean Chuva of the Air Force Academy at 132 weight class by a unanimous decision.

"Jarrell dominated," Gillespie said. "He used his counter-punching style; it was a typical fight for Jarrell."

On Friday, Hill faced Gerome Foster of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

"Jarrell was not as dominant, but he won handily," Gillespie said. "Foster was quicker, so Jarrell couldn't counter-punch all the time. It became more of a brawl and Jarrell initiated contact more."

Hill won the match by a 3-2 decision.

In Saturday's gold medal contest, Hill went up against Marc Sanchez of San Jose State University.

"It was a tough fight," Gillespie said. "The margin of loss was very narrow and it could have gone either way. Both boxers were even.

There was a lot of inside fighting because of their evenness. It was just how the judges saw the blows." Sanchez won 3-2, giving Hill the silver medal.

This year, 23 universities made Nationals, which is the most that have ever appeared.

"The boxing in general is the best I have ever seen in my three years there," Gillespie said. "We have to work harder to be competitive."

The military academies dominated the competition with Air Force winning four gold medals, Army winning three, Navy winning two, and Coast Guard, San Jose and the University of Kentucky winning one each.

Of the 24 boxers who advanced to the gold medal bout, eight boxers were from Army, four were from Navy, four were from Air Force and two were from Coast Guard. Additionally, one boxer from Penn State University, Mansfield University, San Jose, the University of Kentucky, the University of Nevada at Reno and Citadel Military College were also sent to a gold medal bout.



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Jarrell Hill ends his collegiate boxing career earning a silver medal at the Nationals competition at the University of Maryland.

## Coming up in Mountie Sports

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| April 9  | 10<br>- Baseball @ Shippensburg University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball @ Lock Haven University, 2:30 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ the Bucknell Distance Classic | 11<br>- Baseball vs. Shippensburg University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball vs. Bloomsburg University, 1 p.m.<br>- Track & Field hosts High School Invitational | 12                                                          | 13     | 14<br>- Softball vs. Clarion University, 2:30 p.m. | 15                                      |
| 16       | 17<br>- Baseball vs. Millersville University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball vs. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2:30 p.m.                                   | 18<br>- Baseball @ Millersville University, 1 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ CTC Farmingdale or Richard Stockton                                            | 19<br>- Track & Field @ CTC Farmingdale or Richard Stockton | 20     | 21<br>- Baseball @ Lock Haven University, 1 p.m.   | 22<br>- Track & Field @ the Penn Relays |



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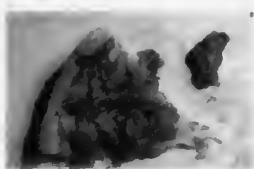
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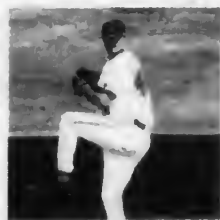
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## Mansfield University SIFE Team Scores in Regional Competition

The Mansfield University Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team took first runner-up honors at the SIFE Regional Competition held in Tarrytown, NY on April 3.

The event was one of the 16 SIFE USA Regional Competitions held across the U.S. in March and April.

Led by Professor Abe Ghods, Business & Economics, the 12-member competition team presented a report of their year-long community outreach projects to a panel of business leaders.

"Our team did amazing work that everyone should take pride in," Rebecca Sullivan, Mansfield University SIFE president, said. "We impacted more than 1,000 people in our area. We helped individuals to get off of welfare, taught

children how to preserve their environment and effected big business and government alike.

Everyone should take a moment and really appreciate the fact that we made a huge difference in a small area." "I am very proud of our Mansfield University SIFE team," Ghods said. "They have definitely served and impacted the lives of many people and businesses in our surrounding communities in a positive way."

Team members were: Rebecca Sullivan (president), Megan Knapp (vice president), Robert Templar (secretary), Jacqueline Maduzia (treasurer), Heather Coyle (public relations director), Bryan Falcone (tech director), Matthew Guagliardo, Brad Lewis, Derek Acorn, William Brown, Duane Oluwadare, Jamie Miller

and Danielle Mancuso.

SIFE team members represent a cross section of Mansfield University majors including business, marketing, accounting,

criminal justice, communication/public relations, education and computer information systems.

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SIFE is an organization at Mansfield University that teaches an understanding of how market economies and businesses operate.

## There are signs of economic turn around according to President Obama

By RYAN BERNAICHE  
*Flashlight Writer*

The president had good news for investors and Americans last Friday while Wall Street was closed for Good Friday.

"Glimmers of hope," Obama said, could be seen. The market has gained for a fifth straight week. This on the heels of news that Wells Fargo reported a 31.7 percent gain in their stocks due to a six year high in refinancing. Many were quick to dismiss Wells Fargo's gains, warning this may not reflect the whole financial sectors progress.

The president warned listeners during his meeting. "We've still got a lot of work to do," Obama said when speaking to reporters Friday, after meeting with his financial advisors. This does not mean immediate gains for the average person working nine to five. Unemployment is often one of the last parts of the economy to turn

around, because businesses are re-gathering their finances lost in the hard times. They are not able to expand until they are able to invest in new ideas which create new jobs. It does open up more money for small businesses which in turn can keep their doors open and allow them to expand on there business.

Still there are many questions that are unanswered. Just last week Obama met with world leaders in the G20 discussing global financial help. He echoed that uncertain times were need for change among all people across all different backgrounds. Also, General Motors is looking at bankruptcy if it does not come up with a new definitive plan by June 1 that is satisfactory to the administration.

The climbing debt of the nation as a whole has grown exponentially, and is at 957 billion currently after it jumped 192 billion just last month.

What does all this mean for college students, who are often in the lowest income bracket in the country? Many colleges are now reassuring families and students that current students will receive more financial help from the government and schools. Lots of college graduates and soon-to-be grads are looking long term; trying to get a job in this difficult market. Businesses are downsizing and many people who have years of work experience over them are currently unemployed. Fighting for the same job leaves grads at a disadvantage.

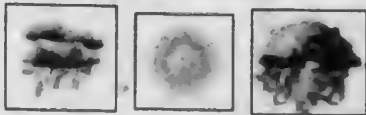
One place many job seekers should look is to the government for work. They are the nations largest employer, with about two percent of the nations work force. In the last 12 months, they have added almost 100,000 jobs and also with the banks seeing profits in addition to the federal money they received. The banks assets

are no longer on hold. They are able to loan more money to students for tuition.

While nobody can say for sure where the economy is headed, the president and many experts say this is a huge step in the right direction with the five week boost in stocks as a large indicator.



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"What we're starting to see is glimmers of hope across the economy," the president said, although he also noted that the economy is "still under severe stress."

Weekly  
Weather

## TODAY

Mostly  
Sunny

High: 60 Low: 34

## FRIDAY

Mostly  
Sunny

High: 65 Low: 41

## SATURDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 59 Low: 31

## SUNDAY

Mostly  
Cloudy

High: 52 Low: 37

## MONDAY

Few  
Showers

High: 56 Low: 35

## TUESDAY

Showers

High: 52 Low: 36

## WEDNESDAY

Showers

High: 54 Low: 37

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-Help our troops overseas out by donating certain goods for care packages. These packages are being put together by Mansfield University's Leo Club. Drop boxes will be located in all residential, academic and administrative buildings. Deadline for donating goods is April 17. Goods can also be directed to Dr. Robert Maris in 139 Grant Science Center. For more information, contact Christof Ambrosch at (570) 205-0255.

-Laurel Hall Council and MAC present Stomp the Field, a dance-off competition at Spring Fling on April 17. If you want to dance, you must e-mail Danelle Miller at millerdl13@mounties.mansfield.edu. Single performers as well as groups are welcome.

-Are you looking for something different to do on Saturdays? Come to North Hall Library's third floor study room on April 18 at 12:30 p.m. and learn about historical miniature war-gaming the fun way! Try your hand at French and Indian War skirmishing with 28mm figures. We will be using "This Very Ground" and rules will be taught! Please e-mail David Guinn at dguinn@mansfield.edu for more info.

-There will be a sneaker sale on Thursday, April 16, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. at Kelchner Fitness Center. There will be name brand merchandise, most at half price or less. Come early for best selection! Also, there will be sports clothing, sports bags, socks, hats and more! This is the perfect time of year to get rid of those worn out shoes and duds and start the season in comfort and style! Cash, charge cards and student charges accepted.

-On Friday, April 24 "Train of Love" a live musical tribute to Johnny Cash rolls into Straughn Auditorium for an 8 p.m. concert. Doors open at 7 p.m. Free tickets for all Mansfield University students with ID can be picked up daily Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on the third floor mezzanine level of Alumni Hall. This 90 minute live concert event is sponsored by the Student Activities Office (SAO). This special concert event is funded by Student Activity Fees. Tickets are available for purchase by Mansfield University employees for \$10 in the university bookstore. Tickets are \$5 each for children 12 and under

## 'SIFE'

According to the team members all the Mansfield University juniors and seniors who attended the competition received either job offers and or an internship opportunity at the regional job fair held in conjunction with the competition.

Ghods has been awarded the Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellowship by SIFE since 1999.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in 48 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities by organizing outreach projects that focus on market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills and business ethics.

SIFE's mission is "To provide college and university students the best opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills thorough learning, participating and teaching the principles of free enterprise."

SIFE is an international organization supported by SIFE USA and many corporations and it is open to all majors.

The regional event was sponsored by the SIFE USA and Unilever Corporation.

## Entertainment Corner

Courtesy of billboard.com



## Hot Digital Songs

- 1.) Black Eyed Peas - Boom Boom Pow
- 2.) Lady Gaga - Poker Face
- 3.) Flo Rida - Right Round
- 4.) Soulja Boy Tell'em feat Sammie - Kiss Me Thru The Phone
- 5.) Miley Cyrus - The Climb



Courtesy of imdb.com



## Hot Movies:

- 1.) Hannah Montana: The Movie - G, Miley Cyrus
- 2.) Fast & Furious - PG-13, Paul Walker
- 3.) Monsters vs Aliens - PG, Reese Witherspoon
- 4.) Observe and Report - R, Seth Rogen
- 5.) Knowing - PG-13, Nicholas Cage



The Flashlight news section is looking for dedicated writers who would like to write weekly articles.

*Do you know something interesting that's happened in the news?*

Send in your stories to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu), or come to meetings on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in Jazzman's



## Student Soloists to Take Center Stage at Mansfield University Orchestra Concert

The Mansfield University Music Department will present the winners of the 2009 annual Student Solo Competition in concert with the Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jeff Jacobsen, on Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public.

The featured soloists will be bassoonist Max Grube, baritone Tyler Harnsberger, pianist Matt Owen, clarinetist Gabriel Wagaman and soprano Meghan Zwart. They were selected by a panel of Mansfield University music faculty at the annual competition held in January.

Grube, a native of Saxton, Pa., will perform the third movement (Rondo-Allegro) from the *Bassoon Concerto in F Major, Op. 75*, by Carl Maria von Weber. He is a student of Susan Laib.

Harnsberger, from Harrisburg, PA will sing the *Non Piu Andrai* from *The Marriage of Figaro* by Mozart. He studies

with Youngsook Kim.

Owen, a native of Hummelstown, Pa., will perform the first movement of the *Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54*, by Robert Schumann. He is a student of Nancy Boston.

Wagaman, a native of Hamburg, Pa., will perform the first movement (Allegro) of the *Clarinet Concerto* (K622) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. He studies with David Wetzel.

Zwart, from Cornwall, NY and a student of Jean-Anne Teal, will sing *Villanelle* by Eva dell'Acqua.

The concert will begin with the Symphony Orchestra performing the first movement (Allegro Moderato) of Symphony No. 8 in B minor ("Unfinished Symphony"), D 759, by Franz Schubert. The Orchestra will close the concert with the *Egmont Overture, Op. 84*, by Ludwig van Beethoven.

## Spotlight on Campus: History Club

By REBECCA HAZEN  
Flashlight News Editor

The history club is an organization on campus that give students a chance to learn about history, and it also brings students (history majors and other majors alike) together.

Gwen Haag is the president of the history club. "The mission of the history club is to be a constant reminder to the student body and community that history should never be forgotten or taken for granted," Haag said.

One of the club's goals is for people to learn about history, but to have fun at the same time. They always discuss history during the meetings, but they also have hands on activities to learn about history in different ways.

"Some things we do for fun are going on trips," Erica Tufts, the vice president of the History club said. "We also do fun activities such as have bowling night or movie night. On movie nights we watch a movie that is history-related."

During meetings, the members get together to come up with fundraiser ideas, community service ideas, and they discuss what they would like to do as a club in the future. They also inform members of the upcoming events that are taking place.

"The meetings always make me laugh," Haag said. "We usually end up hanging out and talking about what we want to do next with the club or general things around campus. I enjoy the club and the members."

Some things that the club are planning for the future include a trip to Gettysburg, Pa., during the fall semester, and a trip to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon in the spring.

"We also hope to do more activities such as movie night, more fun fund raising activities and community service activities on campus next year. It would also be nice to team up with other clubs to do other activities with them too," Haag said.

The club hosted a Wendy's night on April 1. Everyone was encouraged to go and eat at Wendy's and history club got a portion of the earnings. The club will also have a booth at the Spring Fling.

One of the club's biggest accomplishments was sponsoring a Darfur presentation during the spring 2008 semester. They also raised money for the cause. Darfur is a region in Sudan there is currently a war going on in the country.

The members of the club invite all majors to attend because it is not just about history, it is about getting together with fellow students and learning and having fun.

"I decided to join the history club because I am a History major and I wanted to be part of a club that had to do with my major and interest in history," Tufts said. "It sounded like fun and I wanted to be part of something at Mansfield University."

"I joined fall of 2007 [when I came to Mansfield] because I'm a history major and wanted to be involved with the organization in my field," Haag said. "I became president at the end of last semester because I felt I was ready to take on the responsibilities of handling a club."

The meetings are every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Pinecrest room 215. The members of the club invite all majors to attend.

## Mansfield University Concert Choir to Perform Wide Ranging Program

The Mansfield University Concert Choir, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, will perform their final Mansfield concert of the season on Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public.

The program will include works from the Renaissance to the 21 century, including selections by William Byrd, Claudio Monteverdi, Josef Rheinberger, Eric Whitacre and Moses Hogan. It will feature contrasts in styles and colors in addition to several American favorites such as "Deep River".

As part of the concert program Masashi Kishimoto, in his graduate recital for the degree Master of Arts in Music, will conduct five selections, including music from Japan.

In addition, the Troubadours and Trouveres from Troy High School, under the direction of John Wile, will present four pieces and will join the Concert Choir for the finale, *The Drinking Gourd*.

This spiritual is a "map" song describing one of the trails followed by slaves when they escaped to the north via the Underground Railroad. Since Mansfield is located on the "Canadian Route," this will be a powerful closing to the concert.

The Mansfield University Concert Choir is a highly select ensemble that has contributed greatly to Mansfield's reputation

of excellence. The group has achieved an impressive reputation of excellence, having been chosen each of the last 16 years to perform at conventions or festivals.

The Concert Choir travels each year throughout the U.S. and also has performed in Italy, Austria, Germany, Hungary, The Czech Republic, France, Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey on their triennial tours abroad.

On the international stage, the Choir won the championship in the gospel and spiritual category and placed second among 36 choirs in the mixed youth choir category at the 2008 World Choir Games in Graz, Austria.

In previous international competitions, the Concert Choir was a finalist in the Florilège Vocal de Tours International Choral Festival in Tours, France; a winner of a Gold Medal and a special prize for Artistic Interpretation at the Robert Schumann International Choir Competition in Zwickau, Germany; and placed fourth in the International Choir Competition in Varna, Bulgaria. They also performed at the inaugural conference of the National Collegiate Choral Organization in San Antonio, TX.

On April 24, the Concert Choir will appear at the State Music Conference in Valley Forge, PA.

The concert and the Concert Choir are sponsored in part by student activity fees.



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The Mansfield University Concert Choir is a select ensemble of about 48 singers. The Concert Choir rehearses four hours a week on choral literature spanning five centuries and in a variety of languages and styles.

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## Sailesh gets mixed reviews from students during his second performance

By SIMONE GARLINGTON

*Flashlight Writer*

Sailesh the hypnotist made his second appearance at Mansfield University on April 9 at 8 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium.

Sailesh started the show by asking for volunteers to come to the stage to be hypnotized, and after a stampede of people to the stage and all the seats being filled the show finally got started. After hypnotizing the whole group of volunteers Sailesh made them do everything from making them cuddle with each other to making guys slow dance together to making them river dance and think they were astronauts.

While it was obvious that the audience was enjoying the show, there were moments that there was no laughter, too many moments of no laughter.

The event was hosted by Mansfield Activities Council (MAC). It was expected to be a good show, especially after many students had attended the previous show which received good feedback.

Surprisingly the feedback of this second performance wasn't all good. "It was kind of boring, I was really excited to come to this one because I heard the last one was really good,

it was funny at times, but it also had a lot of dry patches throughout the show, I left early, it didn't keep me intrigued," Solomon Isom, a junior at Mansfield said.

Other students felt the same way "I liked the last show he [Sailesh] did, it was so funny, but this one didn't excite me. I don't think it was so much that Sailesh was bad, but I think it was the volunteers who were not as good as last year. The volunteers were noticeably faking, you could tell they weren't hypnotized; they kept laughing and moving when they were supposed to be sleep. It wasn't real, that took away the excitement for me," junior Joy Sampson said.

Even though there were students who didn't enjoy the show, there were some who didn't see any problems with it.

"I liked the show. It was funny. I could tell the people on stage were faking but that is what made it funny. I hope he comes back again, I would go to another one of his shows" Stephan Schilling, a freshman said.

Even though the show left the audience with mixed emotions, it seemed that people enjoyed it for the most part, but maybe MAC should lay Sailesh to rest.



PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY

On Thursday, April 7, the Ryan Ostrom Memorial Badminton Tournament was held. It was a memorial event in honor of Ryan Ostrom, a chemistry student at Mansfield University who was killed in Iraq. All proceeds went to "Goodies for our Troops," an organization that sends care packages to troops overseas.

# CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

| Thursday                                                                                                                                | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Sunday                                                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                                                                  | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 16<br>~4 p.m. -6 p.m. Annotating Dissent: Thomas Carlyle's Chartism<br>Location: Alumni Hall 317<br>~8 p.m. Vocal Jazz Festival Concert | 17<br>~8:30 a.m. -3 p.m. Visitation Day Steadman Theatre<br>~8 p.m. Instrumental Jazz Festival Concert                                                                                                                                           | 18<br>~11 a.m. John Wojciechowski, Junior Saxophone Recital<br>~3 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert<br>~7:30 p.m. Concert Choir Concert                                                                                                                                          | 19<br>~3 p.m. Orchestra Solo Winners Concert<br>~7 p.m. Dr. Ben Moritz, Dr. Nancy Boston, Dr. Adam Brennan and Mr. Conrad Alexander, Faculty recital | 20<br>~7 p.m. Graduate, Scott Schimpf, Conducting Recital with the Concert Wind Ensemble                                                | 21<br>8 p.m. Guitar Ensemble | 22<br>~7:30 p.m. Student Chamber Ensembles: Brass Quintet, Woodwind Quintet, String Quartet<br>~8 p.m. Reel Big Fish in Decker. Opening act is A Rude Revolution. Student (with ID) tickets available in Room 325 AHSC. General Admission tickets are \$20. Doors open at 7 p.m.. |
| 23<br>~6 p.m. Broadway Review, Tau Beta Sigma                                                                                           | 24<br>~Last Day of Spring Classes<br>~6:30 p.m. Gabriel R Wagaman, Senior Clarinet Recital<br>~8 p.m. Johnny Cash tribute in Straughn. Student (with ID) tickets available in 325 AHSC. General Admission tickets are \$10. Doors open at 7 p.m. | 25<br>~11 a.m. Walk A Mile In Her Shoes: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence. Main st. & Central Ave. in Wellsboro.<br>~12 p.m. Sarah Hannold, Senior Flute Recital<br>~3 p.m. Tristan Jackson, Senior Euphonium/Trombone Recital | 26                                                                                                                                                   | 27<br>~First day of Final Exams Visit <a href="http://esd.mansfield.edu/registrar/">esd.mansfield.edu/registrar/</a> for exam schedule. | 28<br>~ Final Exams          | 29<br>~Final Exams                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



## Potential cure for type one diabetes

By DEREK WITUCKI  
*Flashlight News Writer*

People suffering with type one diabetes who have been receiving stem cell transplants were able to go up to four years without an insulin shot, a new report said Tuesday.

U.S. researchers said on Tuesday that the stem cell treatments appeared to have a long lasting effect. The treatment involves injecting a person with stem cells collected from their bone marrow. The stem cells are then injected into the patient's bloodstream, where they seek out the damaged tissue in the pancreas.

Type one diabetes is an autoimmune deficiency which causes the body's own immune system to attack the insulin producing cells in the pancreas. Up until now this disease had been fatal without daily insulin treatments, but the new study hopes to change that.

According to Reuters, "Dr. Richard Burt of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago and his colleagues first reported on the short-term success of the procedure, known as autologous non-myeloablative hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation, in 2007 but have since looked at how long it persisted."

Reuters went on to report that the scientists wrote in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association where they stated that 20 of 23 patients became insulin free for as long as four years. Twelve were continuously insulin free and eight had to

restart insulin at reduced levels. The patients ranged in age from 13 to 31.

The research team reported that in order to find if the treatments held a lasting effect, they measured the levels of C-peptides in the patients. According to Reuters, their report said that they found those levels increased in patients "up to 24 months after transplantation and were maintained until at least 36 months."

C-peptides are a substance created by the body when insulin is produced and can act as a useful measure for doctors for showing how well the body is making insulin and telling the difference between Type one and Type two diabetes.

The researchers also reported that even the group that had to restart insulin therapy still had a "significant increase" in C-peptide levels that lasted for at least two years.

They said the transplant was able to create "prolonged and significant increases of C-peptide levels" in the 20-patient group who were taking little or no insulin.

"At the present time [it] remains the only treatment capable of reversing type one diabetes mellitus in humans," the team wrote according to Reuters.

"Randomized controlled trials and further biological studies are necessary to confirm the role of this treatment in changing the natural history of [the disease]," the team of researchers added.

## Student Government Association to implement changes for next semester

By BEKA BROWN  
*Flashlight Editor in Chief*

The student government association (SGA) has added new requirements for organizations to be recognized, which will be implemented in the fall of 2009.

In addition to presenting their idea to SGA, clubs will have to show 15 signatures of support of their potential group, host a campus-wide event that can serve at least 70 people and show evidence of community service. The campus-wide event will not be penalized if 70 students do not attend, but SGA would like to see more large-scale events taking place.

These new standards will factor into next year's budget hearings. If clubs have not fulfilled all of the requirements, they will not be recognized and will therefore be ineligible for funding for the following year.

Prior to this new legislation, organizations needed to present their club idea at an SGA meeting and be voted on by the senate to be approved. The new requirements are meant to increase the dedication of the organizations and prevent the creation of clubs that serve only their own purposes.

Kris Dumschat, a freshman senator in

SGA, feels that these requirements will weed out the uncommitted clubs. "We made these changes to make the process of creating an organization more complex and harder. This will eliminate organizations that only have two or three members, allowing us to focus on larger organizations and keeping things more organized," Dumschat said.

Although the standards are more rigorous, SGA believes that these rules will help provide more events to the campus as a whole and better the community as well.

The new SGA president, Ralph Slyster, emphasizes that the point is not to discourage new clubs. Rather he would like to see clubs take more initiative and be responsible with the funding they receive. "We made them [the new requirements] to make clubs more accountable for receiving funds so that we don't end up just giving money away," Slyster said.

SGA and COF (committee on finance) have been criticized as closed organizations in the past, but Slyster hopes that bigger events and more community service will foster a better relationship between all students. "It will be one more step in bridging the gap between SGA, COF and the student body," Slyster said.

## News in a flash



### Southeast slammed with severe storms and tornadoes

By REBECCA HAZEN  
*Flashlight News Editor*

Storms rolled in through the Tampa Bay, FL area on Tuesday, April 14. Forecasters reported two tornadoes touched down in the vicinity. The line of storms ripped shingles off of roofs, uprooted trees, and school children were evacuated all across Florida's west coast. No injuries have been reported as of yet.

The storms that hit Florida were the same storms that hit Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky and Northern Florida with heavy rain and winds on Monday. The National Weather Service issued a tornado watch for 20 different Florida counties until Tuesday afternoon.

"To our knowledge, there's been no true structure damage and no injuries," said Jim Martin, Emergency Management Director for Pasco County, where at least one twister was spotted Tuesday morning near Holiday, about 30 miles northwest of Tampa.

Martin said about 20 to 25 homes suffered damage from high winds and one car flipped over.

Students in Hillsborough were evacuated from trailer classrooms in the northern part of the county. They were moved into more stable school buildings for shelter.

Emergency management officials in Marion County in north-central Florida received reports of possible tornado sightings, downed power lines and other damage,

including one home where a tree had fallen on the roof. "No injuries were reported," a sheriff's spokeswoman said.

Progress Energy spokeswoman Suzanne Grant said 35,000 customers were without power, mostly in the Ocala area in central Florida and in southern Pasco County, just north of Tampa.

The storm occurred one day after high winds were blamed for toppling trees that killed one person each in Tennessee and Georgia. In Northern Florida, a tree fell on a car, injuring two people.

In other parts of Florida, people were watching to see if Tuesday's rains would cause flooding on the Santa Fe, lower Suwannee and other rivers across the Panhandle.

Atlanta-area crews were still clearing up fallen trees and working to restore power and traffic lights after squalls Monday pushed through Georgia.

About 43,000 Georgia utility customers were still without power early Tuesday, most in the Atlanta area. That was down from more than 290,000 at the peak.

Darkened traffic lights on some major roads Tuesday morning added to commuting headaches. Georgia Power spokeswoman Konswello Monroe said power may not be restored to all Atlanta-area customers until Wednesday evening. Thousands of Alabama Power customers were also without electricity after storms downed trees and power lines.



PHOTO BY ADAM MURLAND

Billy Montana is a singer/songwriter from Nashville, Tennessee. He performed for students on Sunday April 5. On Monday he hosted a workshop for students who wanted to learn about writing songs and instruments.



# horoscopes

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**ARIES****March 21-April 19**

You might find yourself neglecting your family or friends today -- but you know it's temporary. The thing is, they might not get that, so try to find time to reassure them it'll all be over soon.

**TAURUS****April 20-May 20**

You might get angry at someone early in the day, but try to chill out and let them do things their way -- at least at first. They learn a lot more from their own mistake than from your lecture.

**GEMINI****May 21-June 21**

The surface of your social situation seems pretty placid, but there are some fierce undercurrents that might surprise you if you're unwary. Just keep smiling and see if you can fix things up.

**CANCER****June 22-July 22**

Try to deal with your internal feelings internally today -- it's harder than usual to get the kind of support you may be looking for. That's not a permanent condition, so don't freak out just yet!

**LEO****July 23-August 22**

Try your best to keep your mood up -- no matter what happens. Your sense of self-respect is high, but it might be too high to permit you to engage in all the activities offered today.

**VIRGO****August 23-September 22**

You know the value of hard work and today shows the rest of the world. If you've been at it lately, you should be rewarded commensurately and in a fairly public fashion. Enjoy it all!

**LIBRA****September 23-October 22**

You're a little bit hung up on an old, old issue in your life -- one that might be with you forever. It's a good time for you to integrate it into your consciousness, rather than compartmentalizing it.

**SCORPIO****October 23 - November 21**

You are on the verge of something much larger than your usual routine -- you can sense the tension. It's a good time to relax and let things happen -- once you move through this phase, you can get back on track.

**SAGITTARIUS****November 22-December 21**

Money is never far from your mind today -- how to get more of it, what to do with what you've got or when to make your move. You'd rather be dealing with more interesting issues, but they have to wait.

**CAPRICORN****December 22-January 19**

You're not racing, but it feels as if you're winning anyway -- maybe you're completing work at a prodigious rate or maybe you're finding your love life taking on a weird kind of life of its own.

**AQUARIUS****January 20-February 18**

If you've got any musts on your to-do list today, find a way to force yourself to do them soon -- otherwise, you might dither the day away. It's a good time to ensure you're on the right track.

**PISCES****February 19-March 20**

You breeze through something that you thought would be really hard -- and you've got extra time for something fun or above and beyond. Expect to impress all who are watching you work!

## Environmental Facts of the Week

- 1) Every month, we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper. All of these jars are recyclable!
- 2) The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle can run a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. It also causes 20 percent less air pollution and 50 percent less water pollution than when a new bottle is made from raw materials.
- 3) A modern glass bottle would take 4,000 years or more to decompose -- and even longer if it's in the landfill.
- 4) Mining and transporting raw materials for glass produces about 385 pounds of waste for every ton of glass that is made. If recycled glass is substituted for half of the raw materials, the waste is cut by more than 80 percent.

*The above facts were taken directly from The Student Environmental Advisory Council of North Dakota State University. Visit their web site at [http://www.seac150m.com/fun\\_facts.html](http://www.seac150m.com/fun_facts.html).*

## This day in history: April 16, 1947

Multimillionaire and financier Bernard Baruch, in a speech given during the unveiling of his portrait in the South Carolina House of Representatives, coins the term "Cold War" to describe relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. The phrase stuck, and for over 40 years it was a mainstay in the language of American diplomacy.

Baruch had served as an advisor to presidents on economic and foreign policy issues since the days of Woodrow Wilson. In 1919, he was one of the U.S. advisers at the Paris Peace Conference that ended World War I. During the 1930s, he frequently advised Franklin D. Roosevelt and members of Congress on international finance and issues of neutrality. After World War II, he remained a trusted adviser to the new administration of Harry S. Truman. His speech in April 1947, however, was given in a completely different context.

A portrait of the native South Carolinian was to be hung in the state's House of Representatives, and Baruch was invited for its unveiling. Most guests expected that he would give a brief talk, but Baruch instead launched into a scorching attack on the industrial labor problems in the country. It was only through "unity" between labor and management, he declared, that the United States could hope to play its role as the major force by which "the world can renew itself physically or spiritually." He called for longer workweeks, no-strike pledges from unions, and no-layoff pledges from management. It was imperative that American business and industry pull itself together, Baruch warned. "Let us not be deceived-we are today in the midst of a cold war. Our enemies are to be found abroad and at home. Let us never forget this: Our unrest is the heart of their success. The peace of the world is the hope and the goal of our political system; it is the despair and defeat of those who stand against us. We can depend only on ourselves."

The term "Cold War" was instantly embraced by American newspapers and magazines as an apt description of the situation between the United States and the Soviet Union: a war without fighting or bloodshed, but a battle nonetheless.

-- Courtesy of History.com



# Professor Profile: Rick Lucero of the education department



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Lucero has been a faculty member at Mansfield University for the last 17 years.

By **TRISHA PHILIP**

*Flashlight Writer*

"The greatest feature about the [Mansfield University] education department would be the faculty," Associate Professor J. Rick Lucero said.

Lucero chairs the education department. He shares information throughout the department, does administrative work and teaches two courses. He has been working for Mansfield University for 17 years.

"I love this campus. I have stayed this long for the students. My children love this area. The job, it does drive me crazy from time to time, but what job doesn't?" Lucero said.

He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Arizona. He has a master's degree in special education and a doctorate. Lucero is qualified to have a career school administration and teaching. "I took this job because I knew I would enjoy it. I have

always wanted to be a teacher. When I went to Atlanta a few years ago for a conference, I decided I was interested in administrative work," Lucero said.

The department keeps Lucero busy. "There is always something interesting or new happening in the education department. We are trying to get things started for the fall '09 semester. We are in the middle of program revisions to meet the new Pennsylvania Department of Education Certification changes," Lucero said. An open house is being planned for April 18 for undeclared students and alumni.

Lucero works hard at his job and spends long hours at the office. During his free time Lucero is more than an educator. "The family and I own the bar "Changos" on Main Street in Mansfield. When I am not at the bar or at the college I travel, watch sports and do some gardening when the weather is nice," Lucero said. Lucero is married to wife Carla and they have three daughters, Nina, Marisa and Luisa.

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Lucero works hard in life, but also makes sure to enjoy what he is doing. As an educator, Lucero has advice for Mansfield University students as they prepare for finals, graduate and wait for summer. "Enjoy college. Make sure you go to class (important to learning) and pick a field your interested in," Lucero said.

## Education majors promote literacy

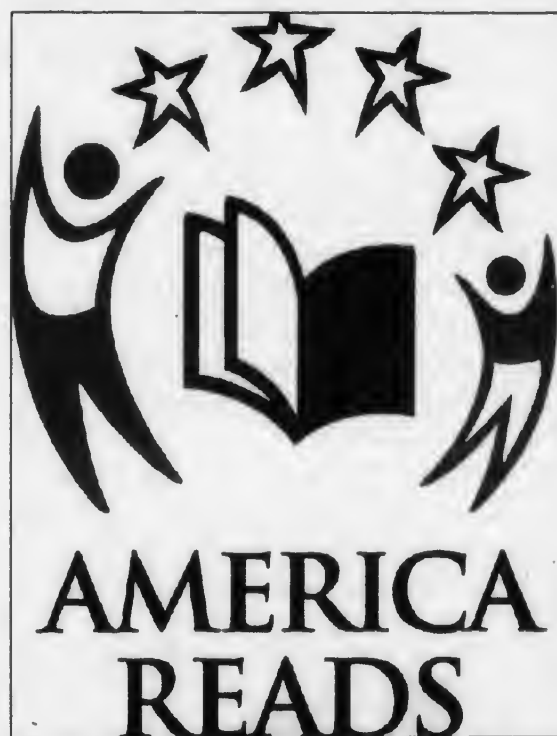


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America Reads is a nationwide program that increases literacy for all ages.

By **TRISHA PHILIP**

*Flashlight Writer*

Knowing how to read is essential to being successful in life. Four out of ten fourth-graders cannot read at the correct grade level. It is common for children to fall behind by grade six, because they do not learn to read well.

Mansfield University education majors, who would like to make a difference in a child's life, can become tutors and help the nationally recognized America Reads Program.

The America Reads Program is a nationally funded program which works to hire university students as tutors to work directly

with local reading specialists and students in kindergarten to third grade. America Reads is designed to provide additional tutoring support to students, reading specialists, and classroom teachers in the area of early literacy and reading development.

Heather Oman is the graduate assistant for the program. "The program has been shown to be an invaluable service to the community, reading specialists, teachers, and students. The program has 14 Mansfield University students working with teachers and students in six area elementary schools from Mansfield to Corning, NY. There are 11 work-study students and three volunteers," Oman said.

This program can help education students gain professional experience, improve their resume and even get them paid. Work-study students who qualify can make up to \$8.50 an hour. Student volunteers are welcome and it will also provide professional experience.

"We have been lucky to have several volunteers and tutors eager to return to the program each semester to assist area school teachers and students, as well as work in an effort to strengthen their own educational development," Oman said.

Over the past year, the program has employed 25 tutors to work within our area schools. America Reads tutors worked over 1,500 hours in 2008. Students will be working many hours, but this is one program education majors should consider. Education majors can make a difference in someone's life.

This year's tutors have been picked, but there is always next year. If interested, see Heather Oman in Retan Center 202A.

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# Coming soon to DVD: Will Smith in "Seven Pounds"

By NICK ABEL  
Flashlight Writer

How much would you sacrifice for the one you love? What if you hadn't even met them yet? Those questions and more surround Will Smith in "Seven Pounds," a story of passion, mystery and of course, self-sacrifice.

Smith plays Ben Thomas, an IRS agent with a conscience (yes, a tax official who cares about other people). After suffering his own personal tragedy, Thomas dedicates the life he has left to improving the lives of seven others. At first, it seems that he is only aiding these people with their financial woes. But soon, it becomes clear that he has an ulterior motive, a separate and secretive task that he feels compelled to complete.

As Thomas becomes more enamored in the seven people, he develops a deeper

relationship with each of them. He sees the good in them, justifying his decision to help them in the first place. But when Thomas meets Emily (played by Rosario Dawson), a young woman with a serious heart condition, he finds his objectives challenged. He quickly falls in love with her, blurring the line between his mission and what he truly wants.

Smith shows extraordinary depth and emotional range with his character, portraying a man who wants to help, but who is also a tortured soul. As the love with Emily begins to intensify, Smith manages to present that love as both a gift and a curse. He longs to have that happiness once again, but he also knows that any attachment is detrimental to his plans.

Dawson complements Smith with a strong character in Emily. Rather than playing a victim with little to live for,

Dawson's performance embodies the belief in "carpe diem," seizing each moment as if they were her last. This role shows a new side to this actress, who normally plays smaller and less-complicated characters.

Outside of the main characters, the film is collected yet abrupt. There are too many subplots and overlooked details, each of them drawing the viewer onto a separate tangent. Thomas' past is teased throughout the movie, but only through fleeting glances and swift emotions.

In the end, all is explained and the plot finally comes full-circle, but the film tests the patience of the audience along the way. For those who can withstand two hours of clues and tidbits of information, "Pounds" is a clever and enthralling piece. For those who can't wait for answers, something less complex may be a wiser choice.



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Though it may seem like an oxymoron to some, Smith portrays a caring IRS agent in "Seven Pounds."

## Tech Talk with Emily: The bionic man lives

By EMILY MILLER  
Flashlight Tech Writer

Everyone has seen the bionic warrior before in science-fiction films, but this has become a vision for real-life warfare in the 21st century, and the U.S. may have troops decked out in this new combat gear as soon as 2020.

This idea is known as the Future Warrior Concept, which includes a new and powerful exoskeleton (the body armor), a self-camouflaging outer layer that can adapt to different environments and even a helmet that can translate a soldier's voice into any foreign language. You have to admit that at the least the helmet idea is a little cool. A soldier with this new suit will also have the benefit of what is called, 'intelligent' armor. This armor remains light and flexible until it feels a force hit it, then tenses to deflect the force.

One way to think of this new technology is that it seems a little too much like what you see in such movies as "Robocop" and "Aliens," and

not something that can actually be invented. But it is helpful to know that many of these systems are already working in a prototype form, or are refinements of already proven technologies. Other systems related to the Future Warrior Concept will remain impossible without advances in nanotechnology. However, I think we can all be sure that nothing speeds up the development of technology like war.

Today's versions of body armor are useful in saving soldiers lives since they are composed mostly of 20 to 30 layers of synthetic fibers, but they are not impenetrable and deaths do occur. While these suits cannot protect soldiers from everything, the death toll would definitely be higher without them. Some things that our gear today cannot do are stop high-velocity bullets, or bomb fragments. Another drawback to today's gear is that it is heavy and bulky and impedes our soldiers, so new technology going into the development of any type of gear for soldiers to wear is definitely for the best.



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Besides designing body armour to withstand powerful force, former computer giant IBM is currently in the process of patenting a new bionic armour that will actually allow people to bend around bullets like Neo from "The Matrix." The armour detects projectiles and then sends a shock to the body's reflex to curve the person away from the bullet.

## Chris Brown pleads not guilty

By NICK ABEL  
Flashlight Writer

Celebrities and their tragedies have become an American tradition. Seeing their fast rise and long, drawn-out downfall are a part of the entertainment world.

Unfortunately, this often detracts from the seriousness of the situation, making a huge mistake seem like an insignificant snafu. This is true of the Chris Brown case, a situation that has become more of a spectacle than a crime.

On Feb. 8, Brown was accused of allegedly assaulting his girlfriend Rihanna, a fellow R&B singer and star. What followed was a flurry of attacks and defenses of the case, many claiming that Brown was an abuser and others arguing that it's no one else's business.

Television and media guru Oprah Winfrey organized a special show on spousal and domestic abuse, portraying the case as a flagrant injustice toward all women. Other celebrities and friends of Brown, some of them former-abusers, defended the young singer, claiming that his actions were taken in the heat of the moment, maybe even in self-defense.

Both sides of the issue continued to bicker for the following months, leading up to Brown's court hearing on April 6. At the hearing, which Rihanna was not in attendance of, Brown plead not guilty to the two felony assault charges.

This act only added fuel to the already-raging fires, further isolating Brown and his dwindling number of supporters. If convicted, Brown could face a maximum sentence of more than four years in prison.

However, many legal experts speculate that he will likely take a plea deal, which would leave him with a few months in jail and

three years of probation. But would that be justice? Does his celebrity garner him a free-pass or should he be prosecuted to the fullest extent? "I think that he should be punished," Jeremy Statler, a freshman biology student at Mansfield, said. "Just because he's a celebrity shouldn't excuse him from justice or the law."

Other students agree, claiming that Brown should be made an example of. "This can be a cautionary tale to others," Carrie Wilkinson, second-year computer science major, said. "People could look at this case and realize that no one is above the law, and even famous singers can be brought in for their mistakes."

Whatever the result, Brown and Rihanna have had their once squeaky-clean images erased. She will now be judged by her next choices, while he may carry the label of an abuser for many years to come.



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Because of his recent assault on girlfriend Rihanna, Brown's music has been banned from radio stations nationwide, including those in Ohio and Sacramento.



# ABC's "Castle" tries to dethrone opposing network crime shows



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"Castle" creators say that the show takes inspiration from previous crime drama like "The Rockford Files" and "Moonlighting."

By JENELLE BEAVER

Flashlight Copy Editor

There's a new crime-solving drama on television, and this one isn't on CBS or Fox. "Castle" is the new crime-solver on ABC on Monday nights at 10 p.m.

"Castle" stars Nathan Fillion ("Firefly") as Richard "Rick" Castle, bestselling murder mystery author, who teams up with Detective Kate Beckett (Stana Katic, "Quantum of Solace") as he works on his next line of novels. The pilot episode, which premiered in March, showed the two meeting after several murders were committed in the same style of some of Castle's novels. Beckett, a fan of his, immediately recognizes the similarities and brought him into the precinct to help solve the cases.

At the end of the first episode, the cases were solved and Castle had a new lead detective for his series of novels, Beckett, who he begins to shadow in order to develop her as his new heroine.

Each week there is a new crime to solve and Castle is there with the detectives, adding

his own insight into what happened. Much of the time it is Castle's own intuitions and insights that end up solving the crime.

Castle often receives insight from his teenage daughter, Alexis (Molly C. Quinn), who is smarter than the average teenager and helps trigger thoughts that may solve the cases. Cases Castle has solved so far this season include the death of a prep school student, a young nanny and the discovery of a body that was frozen for five years.

"Castle" isn't all about drama like other shows in the same genre. Nathan Fillion brings a comedic element to the character of Rick Castle. He provides a laugh at tense moments and his arrogance makes the audience members laugh as well. Castle is the type of guy most people would jump at the opportunity to spend a day with.

The show also stars Susan Sullivan ("Dharma and Greg") as Rick's eccentric mother, Ruben Santiago-Hudson, Jon Huertas, Tamala Jones and Seamus Dever.

## CD Review: Drake's "So Far Gone"

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Special to the Flashlight

In commercial radio's never-ending search party for the next big thing, they have somehow managed to miss a young emcee/singer by the name of Drake.

Perhaps it was a slight oversight on their behalf. Or maybe they were just too entranced by the likes of Lil Wayne and Kanye West to turn their head far enough to witness the new breed of superstar. Whatever the case, it does not matter, because in the very near future, they won't have a choice. With the recent release of his mixtape/album-to-be, "So Far Gone," Drake is putting the final touches on breaking into the spotlight.

Drake, a 23-year-old rapper from Canada, shows off his depth over the Kanye West-produced "Say You Will." Unlike West, whose monotone crooning was hidden behind by a fantastic production, Drake's substance and syntax actually outshine the backdrop. The lyrics don't just sound good, they feel honest. The emcee finds himself coming to a contradictory conclusion about what he set out to do with music and what he is now doing: "I always said I'd say it all on the right track, but in this game you only lose when you fight back."

While the lyrics remain honest throughout most of the tape, there is some commercial rap sprinkled about. It is at those points where the music sounds eerily similar to something you'd hear from Lil Wayne, right down to the drawn-out syllables and glaringly obvious metaphors. Some have speculated that he is the voice behind Wayne and has written for him in the past. Drake doesn't draw on the Weezy starter kit too often though and he certainly doesn't become dependent on it at any point. In fact, it's the variety of styles on this tape that tie the whole thing together.

When Drake is not rapping, whether it's introspective or strictly for the radio, he's singing. This is where he separates himself from the rest of the pack that's vying for the spotlight. Generally, rapper-turned-singer spells disaster, but Drake makes it work. The autotune tool is

used sparingly but, when it is, most will recognize the similarities between this and Kanye West's "808's & Heartbreak." This album, however, is what Kanye's was supposed to be, as Drake actually has some potential as a singer. The best displays of Drake's ability are on the tracks "Houstatlantavegas," where Drake finds himself singing to a female about her choice of lifestyle, and "Night Off," which features fellow R&B singer, Lloyd.

It's hard to label exactly what Drake is, at least on this tape. Perhaps that is what makes him so intriguing as an artist. He isn't great at anything, not yet anyway, but he is very good at many things and that is shown throughout the course of this project.

The most intriguing part of the album, however, is that Drake offered it as a free download via a handful of media outlets, including NahRight.com and 2DopeBoyz.com. You might find yourself asking, "Ok, where's the intrigue in that?" I offer only a question in response: If this is the stuff he's giving away, how good is the stuff he's selling?



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Canadian hip hop artist Drake is a relative unknown, but he combines both rapping and singing for a unique sound.

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The Outback Steakhouse's Aussie Cheese Fries with Ranch Dressing has:

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**182 g fat**

**240 g carbs**

**Warning:** One serving of this appetizer equals up to 14 Krispy Kreme doughnuts!! Instead try the Seared Ahi and the Shrimp on the Barbie. Not only does it offer protein, but less calories and grams of fat!

**WORST BURGER**

Carl's Jr.'s Double Six Dollar Burger has:

**1,520 calories**

**111 g fat**

**Warning:** This burger is a heart attack waiting to happen!! Instead, try the Low Carb Six Dollar Burger that has 490 calories.

# War on Waistline

## Restaurant food during summer maybe for

**WORST SALAD**

On the Border's Grande Taco Salad with Taco

**1,450 calories**

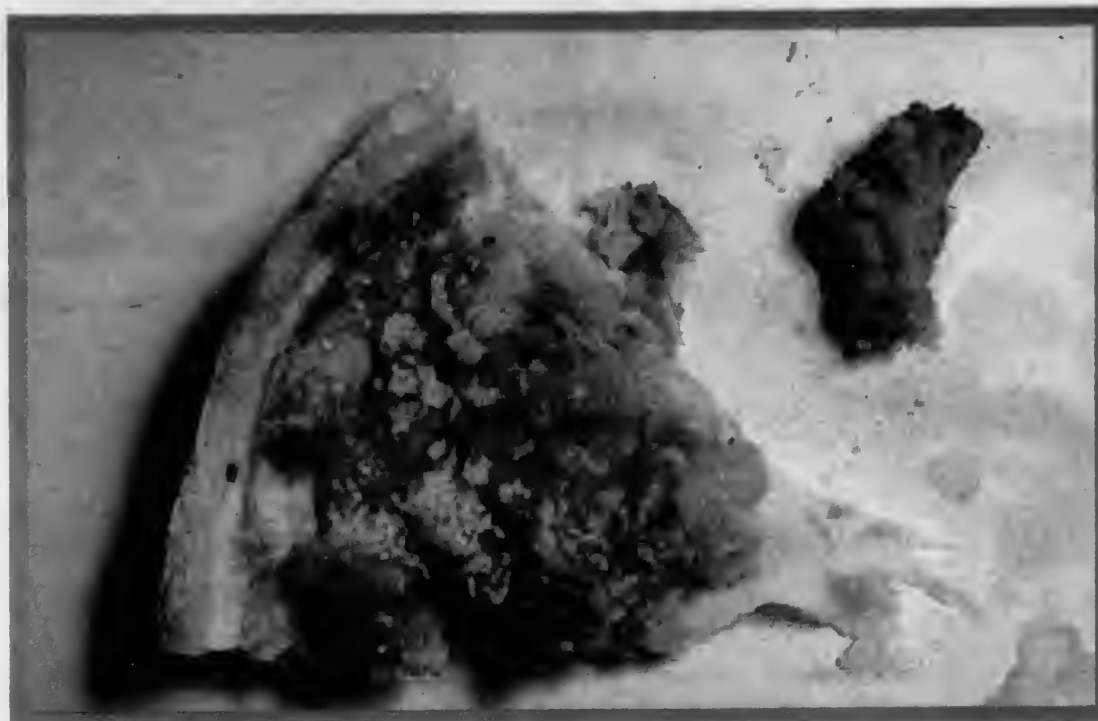
**102 g fat**

**2,410 mg sodium**

**Warning:** Just because it's titled a salad doesn't mean it's healthy. This salad equals eating five orders of large a chicken fajita salad with less calories.



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## **WORST PIZZA**

Uno Chicago Grill's Chicago Classic Deep Dish Pizza has:

**2,310 calories**

**162 g fat**

**4,470 mg sodium**

**Warning:** Eating just one slice of this pizza is equal to eating 18 slices of a regular cheese pizza. Instead go for pizza without so many toppings and regulate yourself on the cheese!



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## **WORST SANDWICH**

Quizno's Classic Large Italian has:

**1,510 calories**

**82 g fat**

**3,750 mg sodium**

**Warning:** This sandwich has a weeks worth of calories and two weeks worth of fat. Instead make your own homemade sandwich without all the extra toppings or just cut the calories by eating this sandwich in small portions.

# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

*SGA might donate \$238,000 of your money...do I have your attention?*



Bonjour Mansfieldians! (By Mansfieldians, I mean you, the students. Not to be confused with the award-winning campus vocal group, although my greetings extend to them as well.)

As is often the case, Monday night's student government meeting has sparked my editorial. President Loeschke and Dr. Peter Keller were featured as special guests and they conveyed to the senators that economic hardships have been increasingly affecting the scholarship money available to students.

One scholarship source, the Mansfield Foundation, will go from providing around \$200,000 of support last year to \$0 in funding this year. Keller was quick to reassure students that the university as a whole is not in any danger financially, but the tone of Loeschke and Keller's deliveries showed that many students may be.

As layoffs and a struggling economy prevail, the burden of paying for

college may become heavier for many families. The problem is that as more families need to turn to scholarships for support, less are available. The state has even asked for money back from the PASSHE universities. To combat some of this cost, many faculty and staff have donated one percent of their salaries to support scholarships.

Student Government Association (SGA) comes into the equation because of their role in the distribution of student activity fees. When Committee on Finance (COF) starts budgeting for the following year, they base their allocations on a conservative number. After the enrollment numbers are finalized in the spring, there is generally a surplus returned. This year, that surplus was \$238,000.

Loeschke's request was that SGA consider reserving some of that money to be given to students in the form of scholarships. One idea suggested creating 400 scholarships that would provide \$250 each semester.

I've thought about this proposition a great deal (well, as much as I could in a 24-hour span) and I've concluded that this may not be the best way to spend our student activity fees. Beginning in the fall next year, students will be paying \$450 each semester to cover

their activity fees. This is the money that has brought in David Cook, MU Crew giveaways at basketball games and Spring Fling, just to name a few.

Although I don't argue that the cost of our activity fee is outrageous, I have enjoyed the increased level of programming we've seen as a result. The \$238,000 we have coming back to us is a result of students paying to see more events like these.

It's a complicated issue. It's safe to say that every student would love to see more scholarships available. However, would they still be happy paying for other student's scholarships? Do you mind taking out a loan to pay for your university costs, knowing that a portion of the debt you're accruing will be used towards another student's fees? It really makes us seem heartless to say "no," but I don't think that any SGA or COF member can responsibly vote in favor of donating student money into the pockets of other students, regardless of the need.

As I've already mentioned, times are tough. They're tough for everyone. While less scholarships may hurt enrollment and retention, using the student activity fees is not the way to correct this shortcoming.

If a student is awarded a scholarship taken from

the activity fee surplus and they hand it right back to the university for their activity fee, then what's the point?

One idea entertained was to waive the activity fee for students in need. This way, students would receive almost a \$1,000 break without using the surplus money. Another was to lower activity fees. Many senators were concerned that awarding scholarships this year would lead to more problems down the road. If scholarship money isn't available this year, will SGA be called upon next year? If we start awarding scholarships out of the activity fee funds, what will SGA and COF be called upon to fund next? Will it become SGA's role to make up for the shortages in budgets across campus?

If you have an idea or a suggestion and you'd like to voice your opinion on the issue, then I encourage you to attend SGA's weekly meeting on Monday at 9:15 p.m. in room 317 of Alumni.

The senate makes huge decisions about your money every week and each senator represents 100 students. Feel free to leave comments at the SGA office in Alumni, tell a senator or come to a meeting. If that's not your style, you can always e-mail us at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).

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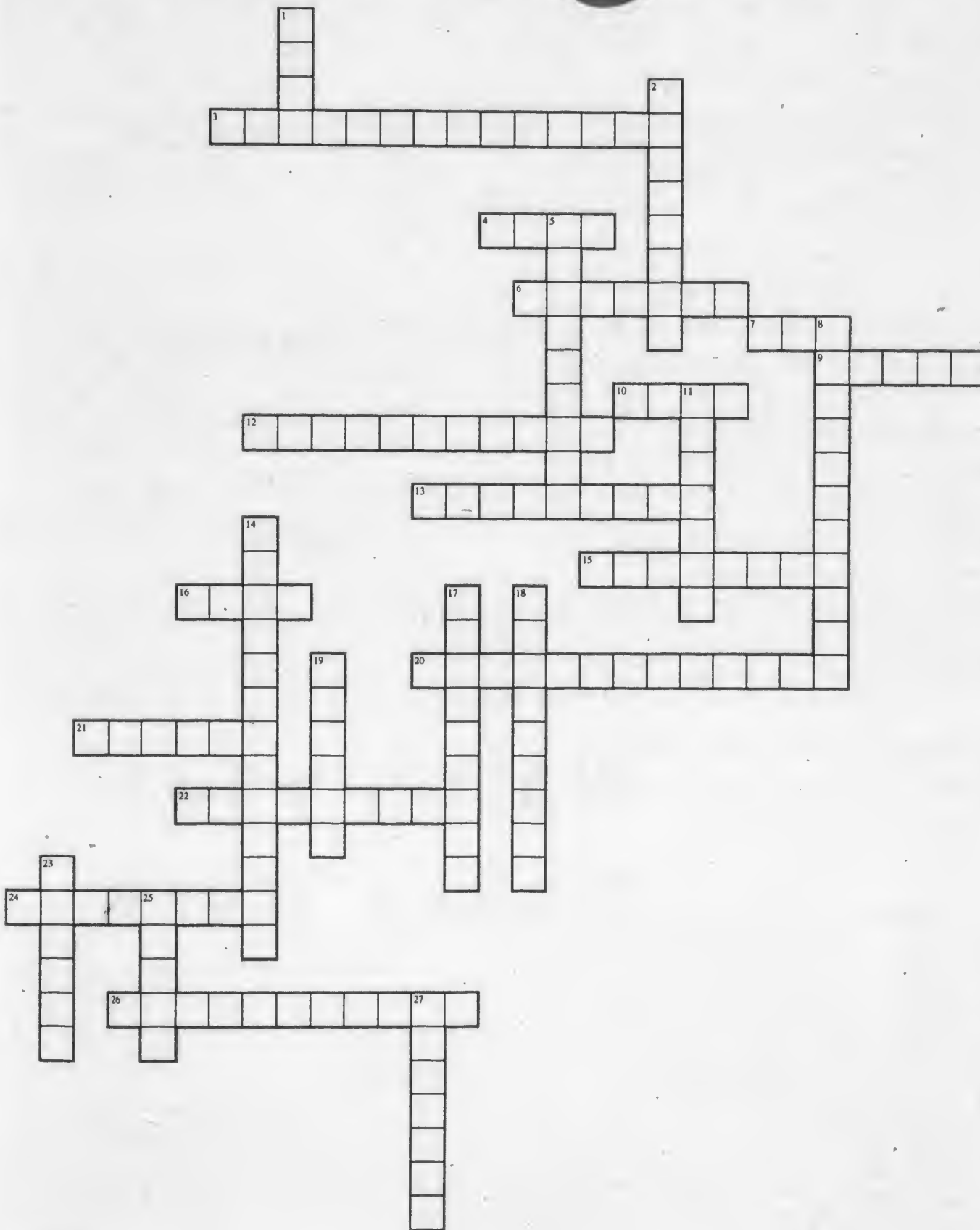
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# Flashlight Puzzle Page



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## Across

3. Head of the country.
4. Incredible name of eight down.
6. No comic is complete without one of these antagonists.
7. Sticky stuff that keeps Spiderman in the air.
9. This sidekick shares his name with the young friend of a honey loving bear.

10. This item protects eyes and identities.
12. Member of the Amazon tribe.
13. This hero does whatever he can, according to his theme song.
15. It's a bird. It's a plane. It's \_\_\_\_.
16. Worn by most flying heroes.
20. Quality quartet.
21. Zowie! This hero puts his foes

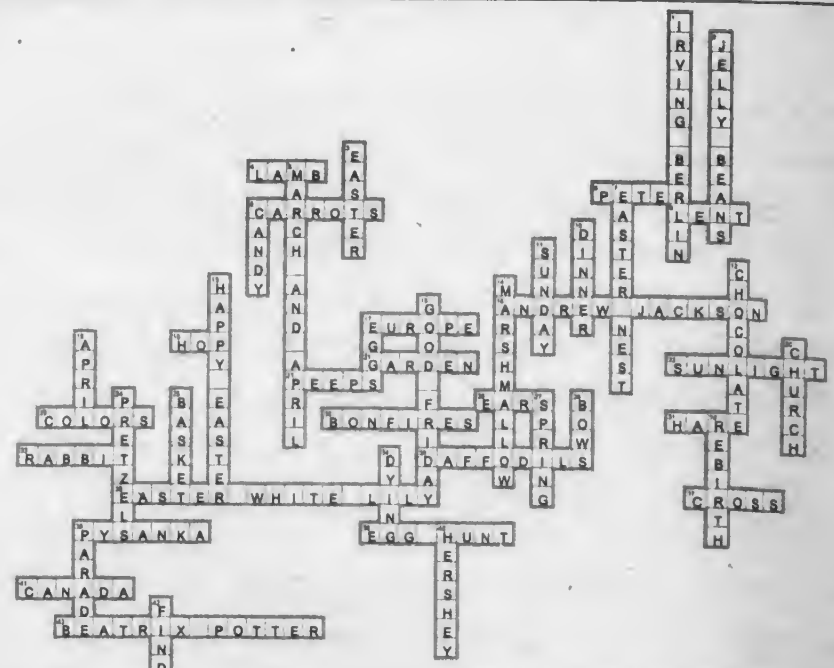
in the Dark Knight.

22. Hugh Jackman's X-Men role.
24. Redheaded love interest of Spiderman.
26. Alliteration aside, this is the given name of one spidey guy.

## Down

1. The cry that attracts super attention.
2. Feline female.
5. The love interest of a hero turned newspaper man.
8. Alias of four across.
11. Material most clothing is made from.
14. He'll take pollution down to zero.
17. Superman's not so super byline.
18. One of the most famous hero rides.
19. The only sidekick to also clean the house.
23. Part owner of the trademark for the phrase "super hero."
25. Played by the late Heath Ledger.
27. Played by Jennifer Garner in 2005.

Solution to last week's puzzle:



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# The Flashlight: Letter to the Editor...



Letter to Student Editor & Students,

You, the students are very important people, you are our future and you have the opportunity to reform our government, which has been broken for many years. I would like you, the students to form committees all across Pennsylvania. We need a committee of students to reform each department of our government because for many years now we haven't had government by the people and for the people. The people are stupid, spoiled and to lazy to carry out their responsibility as employers of the government. We not only have separation of church and state, we also have separation of people and state and that is one of our biggest problems. There is no one in charge and that is why the legislatures can claim that they are full-time legislatures. They work a couple weeks and then they are on recess and in Pennsylvania when they're on recess they have to report to Harrisburg a day and a half a week. What you, the students have to do is reform the legislature's work schedule by having them work six months, cut their pay in half, and send them home for six months.

We need to have

the governor sign an executive order doing away with WAM Funds. You, the students also need to have the governor sign an executive order taking the middle class and the rich off welfare by signing an executive order closing down the cost of living increases, because we have a double standard. The people that work for small business and the self employed don't get a cost of living increase but they have to pay taxes, so the middle class and the rich can collect their cost of living increases. Also, we have to do away with double standard because the people that work for small business and the self employed that pay social security taxes have to wait longer and longer to retire and the people that work for the state and federal government can retire with less time on the job. Don't the people that work for the state and federal government live longer the same as they do for small business and the self employed? So lets do away with the double standard and make our system fair for all the people. Also, you don't have to die in order to go to heaven or hell, because you can live in heaven and hell right here on Earth. If you think positive and thing of all the good in life

you can live in heaven right here or you can think negative and about all the bad things in life, you can live in hell right here.

I hope you, the students, will be willing to reform our state government and be a model state for the rest of the United States. It's important that you, the students program your brains so that you can do the very important jobs that are necessary to carry on with our government. It is really time for change is America. We have only one country called America and we can not ignore our responsibility and our duty to save America from greed and mismanagement. You have the great opportunity to carry out the reform of our government and you, the students will be glad that you took on this role, by taking on a very important job, saving America from self destruction. I respect you and wish you the very best for all the people. Thank you very much, God bless you and all the students. Don't let this very important project pass you by.

Sgt. Edwin Stricker USAF Retired

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The Committee of Finance (COF) allocates and monitors funds collected from the student activity fee's that are used to promote the general academic, social and cultural welfare of the campus. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact COF chairperson Beka Brown at [brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:brownra@mounties.mansfield.edu) or COF secretary Kris Dumschat at [dumschatk17@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:dumschatk17@mounties.mansfield.edu).

The committee met last Thursday, April 9, and allocated funds for the following groups:

**Public Relations Student Society of America** was allocated \$200 for extra fruit and vegetables to be served at the Black and White Formal on April 16 in South Hall Mall.

**Biology Club** was allocated

\$10,724 for meals, lodging and some travel for seven students to go to Thailand for a 19-day trip in May.

**Operation Sports Fanatic** was allocated \$500 for additional travel costs to bring in USC quarterback coach Yogy Roth to give a speech on April 16.

Remaining emergency account (as of 2/12/09): \$126,623.04

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**Important Reminder:** There is only one more day of COF budget hearings on April 19. If your club or organization has not yet submitted a budget or received a budget appointment, e-mail chairperson Beka Brown immediately. Those who do not submit a budget will have no starting funds for the 2009-2010 academic year.



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# On the Sidelines with Chris Zelko: A student of the game

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

Life may throw curve balls, but Mansfield pitcher Chris Zelko throws two-seam fastballs. The sophomore from Horseheads, NY has been on the fast-track to success as one of the starting pitchers for the Mountaineers - and don't expect him to let up anytime soon. Despite only having a year of collegiate experience under his belt, he's proven to be one of the most consistent pitchers on the team.

So far this season, Zelko has appeared in nine games, six of which he started. He's pitched the second highest number of innings for the team this season (45.2) while only allowing 43 hits and 30 runs. He also holds the second highest number of strikeouts on the team with 29, six less than teammate Tyler Noel, and the best earned run average (era) of a starter at 3.94.

Before coming to college, Zelko was named All-State West in his senior year of high school baseball in addition to being awarded Team All-State New York and named the Harp O'Donnell County Player of the Year. As a two-sport athlete, he was named team MVP of the basketball team in addition to receiving All-Conference honors from 2005-07 as a forward. In 2007 he was named Twin Tiers Player of the Year and he left Horseheads High School in 2007, as it's all-time leading scorer with 1,304 points.

Whether it's baseball or basketball, one thing is certain about Zelko's accomplishments - he works every minute to obtain them. He has a competitive drive and a willingness to learn that allows him to reach his highest potential. As a student of the sport, his enthusiasm to learn and grow is what stood out most of all when I met him in the library to do this interview.

Nicole Hagan: How long have you been playing baseball?

Chris Zelko: I've played for the past 15 years, since I was four years old.

NH: Did you play any other sports growing up?

CZ: I played basketball all throughout high school. I played small forward and shooting guard. At some point I probably played just about every position.

NH: Why did you choose to stick with baseball instead of basketball?

CZ: I took a beating playing basketball. Plus, baseball was just more fun for me and I wouldn't have been able to play at a higher level of basketball like I have for baseball.

NH: How did you first get into baseball?

CZ: My dad and grandpa were big baseball fans and they'd always watch it with me when I was growing up. We're a family of Yankees fans.

NH: I heard that you are actually a transfer from LaSalle (University). Why did you come to Mansfield University and when did you transfer exactly, because I know that you played for Mansfield during your freshman season last year?

CZ: In high school I signed with LaSalle, but the coach who was there originally ended up leaving. I wasn't really happy with the way things were after he left, so I decided to come back here and go to college a little closer to home.

NH: Despite only being a sophomore, you seem to be one of the most consistent pitchers on the team this season. What are some things that you worked on, personally, to get ready for the '09 season?

CZ: I didn't have a great season last year, and it was really frustrating. That motivated me to step it up this year. I started hitting the weight room and I did summer baseball for the Elmira Pioneers. I got a lot of innings with the Pioneers and the competition I was up against is better than a lot of the teams we face in our conference, so I think that experience is what helped me the most out of anything.

NH: Give me a little idea of what the training is like for a pitcher. What do you do in order to be conditioned for the games?

CZ: Well, I normally throw Friday or Saturday, depending on where coach puts me. Then, as soon as the game is over, I go for a long run. The cardio afterwards keeps your muscles from locking up. It's like you sweat it out so you won't be stiff. On Monday and Wednesday I'll lift, but nothing heavy. I also run everyday, throw everyday and do cardio workouts.

NH: That seems interesting to me - the fact that a pitcher does so much running.

CZ: I run probably more than I need to, but I like running. [Laughs] If I have a bad game or feel like I didn't do well, it allows me the opportunity to think what just happened and how I can improve.

NH: I know that some pitchers have a certain throw that they really accredit themselves with - something they draw on a lot because they've perfected it. Do you have a pitch like that?

CZ: When I first got here, Coach Francis taught me how to throw a two-seam fastball, which is faster than a four-seam fastball. It's probably the most useful pitch I have and I get a lot of movement on it.

NH: You guys started off a little shaky this season. It's unlike the program to start off losing five straight games, even if they're against top conference teams like Kutztown and West Chester. How would you rate this season so far?

CZ: We came into the season with high

expectations. We were ranked high in the preseason poll and we were predicted to finish high in the conference, but like you said, it was tough starting out against Kutztown and West Chester. They're both ranked in the nation and losing back-to-back double-headers against them really put us in a hole early on. We came back the weekend after and we still have a chance to make playoffs if we do well and take the next three or four games. We really put ourselves in a hole which will be tough to dig our way out of.

NH: I know that Coach Hillson said that the team was just having problems bringing everything together - hitting well, pitching well and fielding well all the same time. Why do you think that is? Would you say there's something different about the team chemistry?

CZ: No, I don't think it has anything to do with team chemistry. I think we've just been able to put all three together. We'll lose 2-1 and not hit well, then we'll lose 12-10, but we won't pitch well. I know that we'll be one of the best teams in the league if we can just put it all together.

NH: Why do you feel you've been able to do so well this season? What do you attribute your recent success to?

CZ: I think I just have good preparation all week. I'm always thinking about the next game. I think compared to last season, when I was a freshman, I was just shocked by the level of play. A lot of people think that baseball is a boring game, but at the college level, it's a much faster pace than you'd expect. You can go through a whole game in two hours. Last year was an adjustment year and I think this year I'm more relaxed. Whereas, as a freshman, I'd go to the mound and my knees would be knocking, this year I'm more comfortable with the team and the level of play and the coaches. It was a learning experience and I just think I'm in more control this season.

NH: How do you hope the team continues to progress and grow as the season advances and what are some things that you feel the team needs to work on?

CZ: We just need to be more consistent. We need to take at least three or four of our next games to make playoffs. We've been hitting well as of lately, but our pitching has been a little shaky. We just need to get back to the way we were at the beginning of the season and we'll be fine.

NH: What are some of your personal goals and what are some of the team's goals for this season?

CZ: As a team, we want to make the play-offs. We need to finish within the top six teams to make it to the regional championship and



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Sophomore Chris Zelko has a 3.94 era and holds the second highest number of strikeouts for the Mountaineers with 29.

make it to the world series, but as of right now we're not even ranked so we'll need to win our way in during playoffs. As an individual, I just try to do my best to help us get that point and give us an opportunity to play as long as we can.

NH: So far, what has been your most rewarding experience though college baseball?

CZ: I'd have to say all the good players we get to play against. I've enjoyed watching guys play at this level. We have some great competition in this league and some of these guys will go off and get drafted into the major leagues. Also, I get the chance to play summer ball down in North Carolina which is an amazing opportunity. I can't imagine anything better.

NH: So far, what has been your most difficult task to overcome through college baseball?

CZ: Adjusting to how good the hitters are was an obstacle for me during my freshman year. Any mistake you make on the mound will result in a hit. In high school, as long as you threw hard, no one would be able to hit off of you. However, at this level, you have to be perfect with every pitch. Any mistake you make on the mound will result in a hit.

NH: What motivates you to play baseball?

CZ: I love how hard it is to be successful in this sport. My motivation is simply to be the best I can be every time I go out there.

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# Track and field hosts Mansfield High School Invitational

**By NICOLE HAGAN**  
*Flashlight Sports Editor*

The Mansfield track and field team hosted the Mansfield University High School Invitation on Saturday, April 11.

The Invitational welcomed 19 different high schools and approximately 900 high school athletes.

"Students came from as far away as Bradford, Danville, New York and Waverly," head Mansfield track and field coach Michael Rohl said. "Hosting the event is a great opportunity because it brings exposure to the university and we get to watch a few kids who we may want to come here as track athletes in the future. The high schools that come to the meet are the ones we're most likely to draw students from, so it's a great opportunity from a recruitment standpoint."

The high school athletes who attended competed in events similar to a college meet,

ranging from the 100 meter dash to the 300 meter hurdles, 4x400 meter relay, the pole vault and the discus throw. A new event this year was the 2000 meter steeplechase.

"This invitational is part of a series of big invitationals that colleges do across Pennsylvania," Rohl said. "Our meet was almost as big as Lock Haven University's and Shippensburg will hold their invitational this weekend."

Bradford High School won the meet with a combined team score of 223 points, while Milton placed second with 171 points and Athens placed third with 137. (

For a list of the individual event winners, see chart below)

Mansfield University track and field athletes began setting up for the meet as early as Thursday, April 9.

"The student athletes do all the work," Rohl said. "On Thursday, they put in the stakes and flags and they put the hurdles in position and on Friday they did timing checks. On the day of the meet, the coaching staff was here at 7:30 in the morning and the Mansfield University student athletes came in around 8:30 for the high school athletes who came in around 8:45. The Mansfield University track and field team ran all of the field events. They were the field judges and different individuals ran the timing tent or participated at the hurdle crew. It was a good 14 or 15 hours of volunteer work."

Despite the amount of work involved, coach Rohl felt that it was a good opportunity for Mansfield University's student-athletes.

"We travel a lot and don't have many home meets, so people may take for granted the amount of work put into running these kinds of things," Rohl said. "I feel like hosting one ourselves allows our athletes to appreciate the sport more and everything

that goes into it."

Buddy Winward, a Mansfield University hurdles jumper, enjoyed helping out regardless of the sunburn and sore shoulder he felt the next day.

"It was fun to watch the high school kids," Winward said. "Even though I had to rake long and triple jump pits all day for 130 athletes, it was great to see these kids with all of their different styles compete in the jumps. This one kid impressed me. He jumped 44 feet in a triple and that's pretty good for a high school athlete."

Mansfield University's next meet is at the Brockport Invitational in Brockport, NY on Saturday, April 18.

The team has two more meets at Cornell University on March 26 and May 2 before the team heads to the PSAC Championships on May 7.

## 'ZELKO'

NH: Who is your biggest role model or influence and why?

CZ: There's a few people who have really influenced my life. The first is my father. When I was young, he was always practicing with me in the back yard and teaching me the fundamentals of baseball. My grandpa taught me a lot too. He was always at my games and when we'd watch the major leagues he'd point little things out and teach me the differences between certain pitches. I enjoyed listening to him tell stories. My coach in high school would be the third person. He taught me a lot about hard work and how to get through those hard times on the mound when things wouldn't go right.

NH: What's your major and what are your plans for after graduation?

CZ: I'm a criminal justice major and I plan on being a state trooper in New York state, and eventually a state investigator.

NH: Explain to me what it's like to be a part of the baseball team.

CZ: The pitchers on the team push each other to do better and we're competitive in a good way. We'll look at our stats, but not in a selfish way, and if one pitcher does well, the next person will try to get even better stats the next game. It's a lot of fun. There are 30 guys on the team, and for the most part we all get along. [Laughs] It's like one big family. I enjoy going to the field every day.

Individual Results

| Name                  | Event                         | School             | Time/Distance |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Erika Kisel           | Girls 100 meter dash          | Waverly            | 12.95         |
| Erika Kisel           | Girls 200 meter dash          | Waverly            | 26.28         |
| Erika Kisel           | Girls 400 meter dash          | Waverly            | 1:02.07       |
| Hannah Harvey-Sampson | Girls 800 meter run           | Athens             | 2:28.66       |
| Jillian Shutt         | Girls 1600 meter run          | Williamson         | 5:31.47       |
| Heidi Shuck           | Girls 3200 meter run          | Milton             | 12:03.05      |
| Alexa Wilton          | Girls 100 meter hurdles       | Bradford           | 15.88         |
| Torrey Hollis         | Girls 300 meter hurdles       | Hughesville        | 48.98         |
| Rachel Matson         | Girls 2000 meter steeplechase | Wyalusing          | 9:03.00       |
| Mariah Conrad         | Girls high jump               | Athens             | 5-02.00       |
| Kelsey Davis          | Girls pole vault              | Central Columbia   | 9-06.00       |
| Brittni Wiseman       | Girls long jump               | Bradford           | 16-02.75      |
| Regan Rogers          | Girls triple jump             | Wellsboro          | 33-04.25      |
| Naomi Brunson         | Girls shot put                | Milton             | 36-02.00      |
| Ashley Bristol        | Girls discus throw            | Troy               | 99-08.50      |
| Kelsey Carlsen        | Girls javelin throw           | Northeast Bradford | 110-05.50     |
| Daniel Riley          | Boys 100 meter dash           | Athens             | 11.08         |
| Cody Middlesworth     | Boys 200 meter dash           | Milton             | 22.95         |
| Cody Coats            | Boys 400 meter dash           | Bradford           | 52.90         |
| Matt Oldroyd          | Boys 800 meter run            | Troy               | 2:02.75       |
| Matthew White         | Boys 1600 meter run           | Bradford           | 10:26.10      |
| Tyler Barnhart        | Boys 3200 meter run           | Danville           | 10:26.10      |
| Kyle Pane             | Boys 110 meter hurdles        | Athens             | 15.63         |
| Tyree Bennett         | Boys 300 meter hurdles        | Bradford           | 40.79         |
| Cameron Day           | Boys 2000 meter steeplechase  | Hughesville        | 7:01.49       |
| Tyree Bennett         | Boys high jump                | Bradford           | 6-00.00       |
| Chris McCarty         | Boys pole vault               | Waverly            | 13-06.00      |
| Jared Gambrell        | Boys long jump                | Athens             | 20-09.00      |
| Jared Gambrell        | Boys triple jump              | Athens             | 44-08.78      |
| Holden Wallace        | Boys shot put                 | Danville           | 48-03.50      |
| David McRae           | Boys discus throw             | Milton             | 134-03.50     |
| Shane Raupers         | Boys javelin throw            | Athens             | 166-08.50     |



# Baseball splits conference games; keeps playoff hopes alive

By NICOLE HAGAN

Flashlight Sports Editor

The Mansfield University baseball team split three double-headers against Bloomsburg University and Shippensburg University to bring their conference record to 5-11.

The team faced Bloomsburg first on Wednesday, April 8 where the team won the opener 8-4, but dropped the nightcap 9-8 in extra innings, ending the team's five-game winning streak.

In the opener, the Huskies struck first in the bottom of the second, picking up two runs off of two hits. Mansfield rallied in the top of the third when senior Tony Battisti lead off the inning with a solo home run. Battisti was followed by an RBI from Chris Coleman and an RBI double from Chris Miller. After Bloomsburg's Mitch Troy walked Nate Grove to load the bases, Matt Kline came in as relief. Kline walked Drew Bair and Battisti with the bases loaded, giving the Mountaineers two more runs before closing out the inning.

Bloomsburg picked up another two runs in the bottom of the fifth, bringing the game within one, but Mansfield kept the bats swinging in the top of the sixth to shut down any momentum the Huskies had going for them. Cody Stinger started things out with an RBI double that brought in Battisti and Coleman hit a two RBI single to give the Mountaineers the 8-4 win.

Stinger went 3-4 at the plate with two runs and one RBI, Battisti went 2-3 with two runs and two RBIs, C. Miller went 2-4 with one run and one RBI and Coleman went 1-4 with three RBIs.

Eric Rosenberger picked up his fourth win of the season, going five innings at the mound before being relieved by Tyler Noel in the bottom of the sixth. Rosenberger struck out seven batters, despite allowing five runs, five hits and two walks. Noel struck out three batters, allowing no runs and only one hit over the final two innings.

"Noel started the season out slow, but he's been tremendous as of lately," Hillson said. "He came in during the fourth and did what he had to do to close out Shippensburg for us."

In the nightcap, Mansfield jumped out to an immediate 5-0 lead in the top of the first. C. Miller doubled with the bases loaded to bring in three runs, Mike Hartz hit an RBI single and Bair doubled to bring in Grove. Bloomsburg would not let up, however, and the Huskies rallied in the bottom of the second, picking up four runs off of Mansfield's Joe Will. The Huskies picked up three more runs in the bottom of the fourth, giving them the 7-5 edge.

The Mountaineers hit another streak in the top of the six, picking up three runs to regain the lead. Bair scored on a wild pitch

and Stinger and Coleman each added an RBI single to put the Mountaineers up by one, but the momentum would not continue for Mansfield. Bloomsburg's Mike Austin hit an RBI double in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game and send it into extra innings and their second baseman, Tony Donofry, hit an RBI single in the bottom of the eighth to give the Huskies the 9-8 win.

C. Miller led the Mountaineer offense, going 3-4 from the plate with one run and three RBIs. Miller was followed by little brother Kevin, who went 3-5 from the plate with one run, Stinger who went 1-4 with two runs and an RBI and Hartz who went 3-4 with an RBI. Coleman and Bair also contributed with an RBI each.

Will picked up the loss for Mansfield, allowing seven hits, seven runs and three walks over the first four innings, despite striking out five. He was relieved by Bernard Johnson in the bottom of the fifth who allowed two runs off of four hits while striking out three.

"Will's been up and down and he hasn't started well," Hillson said. "Bernard did well out of the bull pen, but it was a tough loss. We had a bunch of hits in the opener, but it didn't carry over into the second game."

Mansfield's doubleheader against Shippensburg on Friday, April 10 produced much of the same results, except this time around Mansfield won the nightcap 9-7, but lost the opener 12-5.

During the opener, Mansfield kicked off the scoring when Hartz singled up the middle to bring in K. Miller, but Shippensburg scored nine runs throughout the second, third and fourth innings to give them the 9-1 advantage. Bair homered in the fifth and Shippensburg picked up another three runs in the bottom of the inning before Mansfield was able to pick up their final three runs in the top of the sixth. Brian Danner singled up the middle to bring in C. Miller and Hartz and Kevin Cressman grounded out to Shippensburg short stop Steve McCardell to bring in Coleman and end the scoring for Mansfield. Shippensburg won the game 12-5.

Justin Garcia picked up the loss for the Mountaineers, dropping his record to 2-2 after going 2 1/3 innings where he gave up four runs and allowed five hits. Mansfield went through three other pitchers that game. Andy Young and Zach Ullrich each went 1 1/3 innings with A. Young giving up five runs and Ullrich giving up three. Senior Trevor Tellip closed out the game, allowing no runs and one hit in the final inning.

"We didn't pitch well in the opener," Hillson said. "Garcia got off on the wrong foot and things started going downhill from there. It's tough to come in as relief in that position."

Danner went 1-1 from the plate with two RBIs, Hartz went 2-4 with one run and one RBI

and Bair went 1-3 with one run and one RBI.

Mansfield started the nightcap against Shippensburg much like they started the nightcap against Bloomsburg, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning. Stinger grounded out to third base for an RBI and C. Miller hit a two run home run over the right field fence. Mansfield was able to pick up three more runs in the top of the third off of a Matt Young two-run home run over the left field fence and a C. Miller double into right field before Shippensburg scored six runs in the bottom of the inning to tie things up 6-6.

Mansfield struck back in the fifth and sixth innings, with C. Miller hitting an RBI in the fifth and K. Miller capping things off with a two run home run over the center field fence in the sixth to give Mansfield the win. Shippensburg's final run in the bottom of the sixth would not be enough to overcome the Mountaineers.

The Miller brothers and M. Young each had a two-run home run throughout the course of the game. C. Miller led the team, going 2-3 from the plate with one run and four RBIs while K. Miller followed up with two RBIs and three runs and M. Young contributed with two RBIs and two runs.

"Kevin Miller has been hitting really well for us," Hillson said. "He's a young guy and he's going to be a good player in the years to come."

Chris Zelko picked up the win, striking out four, walking three and allowing seven runs over five innings. Noel came in as relief, finishing out the final two innings allowing only one hit and no runs to earn him the save.

"Chris Zelko has been outstanding this season," Hillson said. "He's very competitive on the mound. He doesn't give up and plays with a lot of intensity. The make-up he has is what you want on the mound. He had that one bad inning, but he bounced back. He could have folded after he gave up six runs, but he didn't and that says a lot about his competitive nature."

The team's final game against Shippensburg was at home on Monday, April 13. The game was postponed from the previous Saturday due to the field conditions.

Mansfield won the opener 8-3, but lost the nightcap 6-2.

During the opener, Mansfield scored five runs throughout the first, second and third innings before Shippensburg managed two in the top of the fourth. Stinger started things off with a sacrifice fly into right field to bring in K. Miller. Coleman hit a two-run home run and K. Miller hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Grove in the second and C. Miller scored off of an error by Shippensburg's McCardell in the third.

Mansfield picked up one run in each of the next three innings. M. Young singled up the middle in the fourth, Bair singled up the middle in the fifth and Hartz doubled to



PHOTO BY ADAM MURLAND

Eric Rosenberger gave up five runs over five innings in the first game of a Bloomsburg doubleheader.

center field in the sixth. Shippensburg scored once more in the top of the seventh, but could not overcome the Mountaineers who won the game 8-3.

K. Miller, M. Young, Stinger, Hartz and Bair all picked up RBIs in the opener while Coleman led the team going 1-3 with one run and two RBIs.

Rosenberger picked up his fifth win of the season, allowing three runs and eight hits over 6 2/3 innings. Noel came in as relief during the final inning, striking out the final batter with two runners on base.

In the nightcap, Mansfield was unable to keep the momentum going and lost 6-2.

Shippensburg picked up six runs throughout the first four innings before C. Miller scored in the bottom of the fourth. The Mountaineers picked up one more run in the bottom of the seventh when Stinger hit an RBI into right center, but it would not be enough.

Stinger led the team on offense, going 2-2 from the plate with one RBI while Will picked up the loss for the Mountaineers at the mound. Will allowed six runs off of eight hits throughout the first three innings while Noel struck out one and allowed only one hit throughout the final four.

Despite the loss, Hillson feels that the team is starting to click.

"We're starting to put it all together," Hillson said. "We're fielding the ball well and we're starting to come together. We're starting to see the light."

The team's next double header is at home against Millersville University on Friday, April 17.

"I'm looking forward to Millersville," Hillson said. "If we take three or four of the games, we'll catch up in the conference in a hurry."



# Angels' Nick Adenhart killed by drunk driver

By TRICIA PHILLIP

Flashlight Sports Writer

Los Angeles Angels rookie pitcher Nick Adenhart was among three people killed in a hit-and-run car crash last week, just hours after pitching in Wednesday night's game against Oakland.

The accident happened just after midnight. Two people were taken to the hospital and two people died at the scene.



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Fans left roses at a memorial for Nick Adenhart in front of Angels Stadium of Anaheim.

Adenhart was a passenger in a silver Mitsubishi Eclipse carrying three other people when it was struck shortly before 12:30 a.m. by a minivan that ran a red light and also hit another vehicle, police said. The sports car hit another vehicle before striking a light pole.

Adenhart died Thursday morning after undergoing surgery. The other passenger in the vehicle is in critical condition.

Andrew Gallo, 22, was driving the minivan and was charged Friday with three counts of murder and trying to flee the scene. He had nearly tripled the legal blood-alcohol level, police said. Gallo was on probation after pleading guilty to drunken driving in 2006. He could face from 55 years to life in prison if convicted of all charges.

"Tremendous loss," said the Los Angeles Times. Adenhart, 22, was the starter in Wednesday's game against Oakland. He pitched six innings of scoreless ball in just his fourth major league appearance. He went 1-0 in three games with Los Angeles in 2008, spending most of the season with Triple-A Salt Lake.

"The Angels family has suffered a tremendous loss," general manager Tony Reagins said in a statement issued by the club. "We are deeply saddened and shocked by this tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nick's



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Twenty-two year old Nick Adenhart threw six shut-out innings for the Angels on April 8, then was killed by a drunk driver eight hours later in a hit-and-run car accident.

family, friends, loved ones and fans." Adenhart was born in Silver Springs, Md, and was selected in the 14 round by Los Angeles in the 2004 draft. He overcame obstacles to reach the majors, undergoing reconstructive elbow surgery.

"He lived his dream and was blessed to be part of an organization comprised of such warm, caring and compassionate people,"

a statement giving by the family said. "The Angels were his extended family. Thanks to all of Nick's loyal supporters and fans throughout his career. He will always be in everyone's hearts forever."

No arrests have been made, with police in Anaheim still trying to find witnesses to the altercation.

## Major League Baseball kicks off the 2009 season with an Opening Day full of firsts

By TRICIA PHILIP

Flashlight Writer

Glorious Major League Baseball (MLB) will be finishing out its second week of the 2009 season within the next couple of games. After the first week, MLB already has 12 teams with .500 records. They are off to a great start.

Opening Day kicked off on April 6 with a full slate of nationally televised games. ESPN and ESPN 2 aired five games on opening day featuring the New York Yankees versus Baltimore Orioles at 1 p.m. to the Chicago Cubs versus Houston at 7 p.m., then finishing out the day with, Los Angeles Angels against Oakland at 9 p.m..

In many ways opening day is an unofficial national holiday; the start of another season for the sport known as America's favorite pastime. Fans have already had something to look forward to with New York being electrified with the new stadiums that the Yankees and Mets are breaking in this year. However the first week of 2009 season was full of surprises with Opening Day bringing most of them.

Arizona's Tony Clark and Felipe Lopez became the first switch-hitting duo from the same team to each hit homers from both sides of the plate in a single game.

C.C. Sabathia suffered a loss in his debut with the Yankees. Sabathia was signed

for \$161 million over seven years. His April 6 performance contained six runs on eight hits, five walks and two wild pitches in 4 1/3 innings. "It was just one of those days, a bad day," Sabathia said after the game. Sabathia would go on to win his second start on April 11 after pitching 7 and 2/3 innings, striking out six with no walks.

They Yankees will look to their ace again on April 16, when the team opens their new stadium.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit a home run in his first game back with the Mariners, his 612th overall. Teammate Emilio Bonifacio a 23-year-old rookie went 4-for-4 with three steals and an inside the park home run, the first since 1968. "This was fun," Bonifacio said. "If you don't enjoy baseball, you shouldn't play. I enjoy baseball and I can't think of anything I would rather be doing. I wish I could have this much fun every day."

As snow was still falling in some parts of the country, the first week of the 2009 season started off with many teams doing well and some falling short. As more games are played teams begin to have optimism and hope this could be the year their team wins the World Series.

## UCONN women beat Louisville 76-54 to claim sixth national title

By JIMMY KOCHMER

Flashlight Sports Writer

The UCONN Huskies beat the Louisville Cardinals 76-54 to claim the 2009 Women's NCAA basketball championship.

Louisville entered the Championship game after emerging from the Raleigh bracket as the no. 3 seed to challenge no. 1 seed UCONN on Tuesday April 7.

The win capped a perfect 39-0 season for UCONN, who clinched its sixth national title, the first since 2004. There had been just four undefeated seasons previously, two of which also belong to UCONN, with flawless campaigns in both the 1995 and 2002 seasons.

The Cardinals offense struggled in the game, unable to make shots, and against a UCONN team whose closest game during the season was a 19 point margin. Mistakes were costly. With the game tied at 17, UCONN took over, scoring nine of the next eleven points to go up 26-19. Louisville fought back, slashing the lead to six points, before missing 18 consecutive shots from the field to give the game away. UCONN left the game with a halftime lead of 39-25.

UCONN kept up defensive intensity in the second half, dashing any hopes of a Louisville comeback.

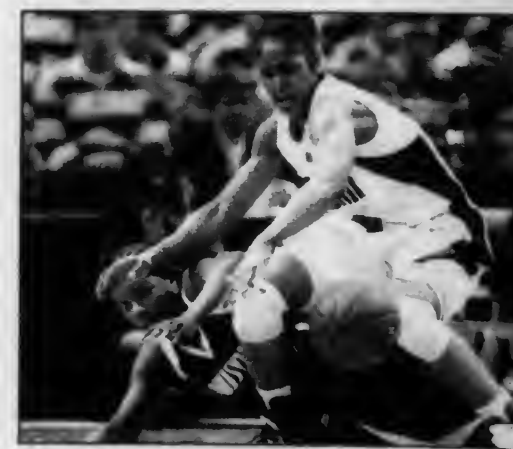


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Angel McCoughtry, left and Louisville fell to Maya Moore and UCONN in the championship game on Wednesday.

The Huskies made half of their shots from the field, while Louisville shot just 31 percent. Angel McCoughtry lead the Cardinals in scoring, with 23 points to finish her NCAA basketball career. Candycce Bingham chipped in with ten points. Tina Charles lead the charge for UCONN with 25 points and Renee Montgomery and Maya Moore each added 18 points.

UCONN's sixth national title is second behind the Lady Volunteers of Tennessee who have won the title eight times.

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## Polk hits grand slam in Clarion nightcap

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL

*Special to the Flashlight*

Ashley Gaisser hit two doubles in the doubleheader against Clarion University Tuesday evening to help the Mountaineer softball team break a six-game losing streak.

In the opener, Gaisser hit her first double to left field to score Gab Carrullo, Jen Stein and Nicole Yost. Clarion recovered in the third inning, almost tying the score with two runs, but Mansfield diminished any spark that Clarion once had. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Mansfield scored five runs with a Stein home run that scored Jordan Rishel and Megan Trutt. Gaisser finished up the inning with a home run to score Carrullo and give the Mountaineers the 8-2 victory.

The second game of the night strongly resembled the first. Gaisser's second RBI double scored Stein while Rishel hit a single to score Gaisser and Aundraa Polk in the second

inning. Mansfield scored another three runs in the third inning when Stein hit a double to score Yost and Erin Carroll hit a single to left center field to score Jen Swarr and Stein.

Polk finished the game off as she hit a grand slam in the fourth inning to score Gaisser, Stein and Trutt and give Mansfield the 10-0 shutout.

"Aundraa works hard and gives so much in practice and in the games," center fielder Katie McConville said. "The team and I feel that the grand slam could not have happened for a better teammate."

The two wins did not only help the Mountaineers in the win column, but also as a team morale builder towards their game Friday.

"It was huge a win for us because it is getting down to the wire and playoffs are around the corner," McConville said. "The win helped us become more confident in ourselves

and it was an overall great win today."

Last Thursday and Saturday did not end on a happy note for the Mountaineers as they dropped a pair of games to Lock Haven University and a pair of games to Bloomsburg University.

Mansfield lost to Lock Haven 6-2 in the opener and 12-1 in the nightcap and lost to Bloomsburg 5-3 in the opener and 9-3 in the nightcap.

"With IUP coming up this Friday, we are working on staying confident at the plate and keeping our defense solid," McConville said. "We are in a playoff hunt and we have had some great crowds come out this year so far. We just ask for their continued support and would love to see them at more games."

Mansfield's doubleheader with Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) on Friday, April 17 starts at 2:30 p.m. and will decide Mansfield's fate concerning their playoff hopes.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION  
Aundraa Polk hit a grand slam in the fourth inning against Clarion University to give Mansfield the 10-0 shutout.

## Coming up in Mountie Sports

| Thursday | Friday                                                                                                               | Saturday                                                                                                  | Sunday                                       | Monday | Tuesday                                          | Wednesday |
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| April 16 | 17<br>- Baseball vs. Millersville University, 1 p.m.<br>- Softball vs. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2:30 p.m. | 18<br>- Baseball @ Millersville University, 1 p.m.<br>- Track & Field @ CTC Championship, Farmingdale, NY | 19<br>- Track & Field @ Brockport, NY        | 20     | 21<br>- Baseball @ Lock Haven University, 1 p.m. | 22        |
| 23       | 24<br>- Baseball @ East Stroudsburg University, 1 p.m.                                                               | 25<br>- Baseball vs. East Stroudsburg University, 1 p.m.                                                  | 26<br>- Track & Field @ Cornell Invitational | 27     | 28                                               | 29        |



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## Mansfield University students do community service for Big Event

By BEKA BROWN

*Flashlight Editor-in-Chief*

Mansfield students performed community service throughout the area on Saturday, April 18 for the second annual Big Event.

Mansfield University started the event last year, becoming one of 71 other universities to spring-board off of an idea that began at Texas A&M in 1982. The mission statement of A&M reads, "Through service-oriented activities, The Big Event promotes campus and community unity as students come together for one day to express their gratitude for the support from the surrounding community."

More than 200 students gathered behind Steadman Theatre to embark on a day of community service. Prior to the day, community members and organizations had the opportunity to sign up to have students help with projects. A box was even left at the Mansfield

Borough to allow community members easier access to sign up.

Between 27 and 30 projects were tackled by the student volunteers on one of the warmest Saturdays the semester has seen. Aaron Hackman, Coordinator for Greek Affairs, Civic Service and Community Engagement, was pleased that the weather played in their favor. "I was expecting less [volunteers]," Hackman said. "I thought if the weather was bad, no one would show because it was too bad. If the weather was nice, no one would show because it was too nice."

Lindsay Musser is a junior, social work major who was involved with five organizations who volunteered. "It seemed like a great way to get involved with the community and help wherever needed," Musser said. "Just because it was great to go out and have a lot of fun with your friends

and your organizations."

President Loeschke was on hand throughout the day to congratulate participants and even give rides to

those in need.

"The president was really thrilled. She was really pleased," Hackman said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MANSFIELD PUBLIC RELATIONS

Students who participated in The Big Event helped community members and cleaned up public areas around Tioga County.

## Black and White Affair gives students a chance to dance the night away

By JILL KAUFFMAN

*Flashlight Features Editor*

Over 250 people came out to dance the night away at the Black & White Affair held at Zanzibar on April 16.

What may become a yearly spring staple at the university drew an enthusiastic crowd, mostly adorned in black and white dress-wear.

The event was hosted by the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and paid for by Student Activity Fees. Cassie Rhone, a member of PRSSA, said that PRSSA wanted to hold an activity for the entire campus.

"We decided to host it because there has never been a formal dance that all of campus can attend," Rhone said.

Whether it was formal-

wear or more casual, most students stuck with the black and white theme.

The dance floor was constantly filled with dancers and plenty of refreshments were served. "Mocktails" were provided by Changos Cantina and Sodexo provided the fruit and vegetable trays.

Karen Marks, a sophomore music education major, came out in support of her roommate who is a member of PRSSA. She enjoyed the event. "It's a nice change of pace," Marks said. She enjoyed the wide variety of music played as well. "I like instructional stuff like 'Cotton Eye Joe' and the 'Electric Slide,'" Marks said.

Wearing a black dress from David's Bridal, Jessica Barrett, sophomore accounting major, attended the event with her

boyfriend Sean Buterbaugh. formal dance.

Barret was glad to attend a

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PHOTO BY ALICIA SHUMWAY

PRSSA's Black and White affair was held in the Hut and featured music, dancing and "mocktails" by Changos Cantina. Students danced to music provided by WNTF The Giant.

Weekly  
Weather

## TODAY

A.M.  
Rain/Snow  
Showers

High: 49 Low: 35

## FRIDAY



Sunny

High: 73 Low: 53

## SATURDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 83 Low: 57

## SUNDAY

Isolated  
Thunder-  
storms

High: 80 Low: 53

## MONDAY

Few  
Showers

High: 69 Low: 47

## TUESDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High: 67 Low: 48

## WEDNESDAY



Cloudy

High: 69 Low: 42

Information taken from  
www.weather.comInfo-To-Go  
Campus Bulletin Board  
Mansfield University

-On Friday, April 24 "Train of Love," a live musical tribute to Johnny Cash, rolls into Straughn Auditorium for an 8 p.m. concert. Doors open at 7 p.m. Free tickets for all Mansfield University students with ID can be picked up daily Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on the third floor mezzanine level of Alumni Hall. This 90 minute live concert event is sponsored by the Student Activities Office (SAO). This special concert event is funded by Student Activity Fees. Tickets are available for purchase by Mansfield University employees for \$10 in the university bookstore. Tickets are \$5 each for children 12 and under.

-Mansfield University 2009 Baseball Camps for ages 7-18 will be on campus. Individual Camp is July 19-23. Weekend Elite Specialty (Pitchers, Catchers, Hitting Camps) is July 17-19. Father/Son Weekend is July 17-19. Mountaineer Day is June 8-11. Future Mountie is June 8-11 (ages 5-7). For sign ups go to [www.GoMounties.com](http://www.GoMounties.com) or call (570) 662-4457 and (570) 662-7273 evenings.

-Graduating seniors can visit the Career Center (Ground Floor of Alumni Hall) to pick up a certificate for five free copies of their resumes and cover letters on high quality paper with matching envelopes.

-All residence halls close for undergraduates at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 1. Graduates and active participants in commencement will be permitted to stay in the residence halls if they request housing through the Hall Directors or the Residence Life office in 120 Pinecrest. For graduates, halls will close at 3 p.m. sharp on Saturday, May 2nd. All other students who need to remain in their residence halls must see Residence Life as well.

-Morgue hours begin Friday, April 24 at 10 p.m. and will continue until 10 a.m. May 1. Anyone who is disruptive during these times will be fined.

-Regular meal service in Manser Dining hall ends after dinner on Thursday, April 30. A schedule for meals for seniors only will be posted later.

## 'BIG EVENT'

"Overall it was a really positive experience."

The response from the community was overwhelmingly positive. "All we did was rake leaves and by just raking leaves we were able to show them that we're not just college students who don't care about anyone," Musser said. "I was impressed. It was encouraging to see how the whole campus community could come together for a cause."

Students gathered at 9 a.m. to register and have breakfast. Projects were conducted between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. When students returned, a Manser buffet was provided, courtesy of student activity fees.

The Big Event will be back next year and Hackman hopes it will be bigger than ever. "I think we probably doubled, if not tripled, the volunteers since last year," Hackman said. "We got some feedback that there was room for improvement, but that's what we wanted."

"Normally students are sleeping. If you can take a couple hours out of a Saturday a semester to make a difference with something small, overall you can see a difference. Students should come and at least give it a try," Musser said.

## Entertainment Corner

Courtesy of Kay Barrett



## Hot Graduation Songs

- 1.) Green Day - Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)
- 2.) Vitamin C - Graduation (Friends Forever)
- 3.) Alice Cooper - School's Out
- 4.) Third Eye Blind - Graduate
- 5.) We Are The Champions - Queen



Courtesy of imdb.com



## Hot Movies:

- 1.) 17 Again - PG-13, Zac Efron
- 2.) State of Play - PG-13, Russell Crowe
- 3.) Monsters vs Aliens - PG, Reese Witherspoon
- 4.) Hannah Montana: The Movie - G, Miley Cyrus
- 5.) Fast & Furious - PG-13, Paul Walker



## 'AFFAIR'

"I missed the prom at my school, so this is like it," Barrett said. Both Barrett and Buterbaugh said they enjoyed the slow dances best.

With a wide array of music from the '80s, '90s and present being played, the dancers sang along to such songs like "Hot & Cold" by Katy Perry, "Gives You Hell" by The All-American Rejects, and "Pour Some Sugar On Me" by Def Leppard. Music was provided by Mansfield University's radio station, WNTE 89.5.

Students could also get their picture taken at the event. Portraits were provided by Matt Copppadge for five dollars.

Rhone said she was pleased with the turnout of the event.

"It was a big success and we are hoping it can become an annual dance," Rhone said. "We got good feedback on all aspects, from food and drinks to music."

The Black & White Affair was originally schedule to be held in the South Hall Mall, but was moved to the Hur due to the cold temperatures.



# Wanda Stroud to be speaker at Mansfield's 144th commencement

Wanda (Storms) Stroud, chief operating officer and secretary of the Board of Directors of Golden State Medical Supply, Wanda Stroud Inc. (GSMS) and a 1983 Mansfield graduate, will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 144th Commencement on Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

"Wanda Stroud is a leader in the truest sense of the word," MU President Maravene Loeschke said in making the announcement. "Her great story of personal and professional success and perseverance is the kind that we want our graduates to hear. Wanda and her husband Jim are great supporters of Mansfield and we are honored to have Wanda speak at our Commencement."

Stroud earned a B.S. in clothing and textiles from Mansfield in 1983. She enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after graduation and served a four year commitment as a Wing historian. As researcher, journalist, writer, photographer, and communicator, she was responsible for producing a quarterly classified history document about the military unit. She also completed an Associate's Degree in public affairs from the Community

College of the Air Force.

After completing her Air Force commitment, Stroud took a position in employee communications with the Walt Disney Company in Burbank, CA from 1988-1989 and the Disney Store Home Base in Glendale, CA from 1989-1995.

Stroud and her husband Jim met at Mansfield in 1981 and reconnected three years later when they were both assigned to the same Air Force base. They will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this December.

Jim Stroud founded GSMS in 1986, under the guidance of a pharmacist. GSMS has served in the pharmaceutical industry for 23 years, originally as a regional wholesaler but, today, a packager registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) standards.

Since joining GSMS in 1995, Stroud has been a decision maker in day-to-day operations and has had hands-on experience in all departments. Her most notable achievements were the re-invention of the corporate brand in 1996 and the marketing launch and creation of a new product line.

Together, the Stroud's have guided the business to its most successful year with gross sales of \$130 million.

Stroud recently completed a B.A. in photography at the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, CA and chose this mid-life pursuit to fuel her creativity. Her photos were included in the Best of College Photography Annual in 2002.

The Strouds have been involved in a number of charities, donating much of their time through Disney's VolunteARS program to causes such as the Run/Walk for Women, TreePeople, Starlight Foundation, Easter Seal Society, the Foundation for the Junior Blind, Permanent Charities, Earthwalk, Project Literacy, AIDS Walk, March of Dimes Walk America and the Special Olympics.

In 2001, Stroud received the Alumni Citation Award from the MU Alumni Association. The award recognizes contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work.

In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will take place in Decker Gymnasium.



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Wanda Stroud is a 1983 Mansfield graduate. She has received the Alumni Citation Award from Mansfield's Alumni Association

## Final Exam Schedule Spring 2009

If your class meets M/W/F

8:00 or 8:30 a.m.  
9:00 or 9:30 a.m.  
10:00 or 10:30 a.m.  
11:00 or 11:30 a.m.  
12:00 or 12:30 p.m.  
1:00 or 1:30 p.m.  
2:00 or 2:30 p.m.  
3:00 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
4:00 or 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. (MW)  
6:30 p.m. (MW)

Your Final Exam is scheduled

Monday 04/27/2009 8:00a.m.  
Wednesday 04/29/2009 8:00a.m.  
Monday 04/27/2009 10:15a.m.  
Wednesday 04/29/2009 10:15a.m.  
Monday 04/27/2009 1:00p.m.  
Wednesday 04/29/2009 1:00p.m.  
Monday 04/27/2009 3:15p.m.  
Wednesday 04/29/2009 3:15p.m.  
Thursday 04/30/2009 3:15p.m.  
Wednesday 04/29/2009 5:30p.m.  
Monday 04/27/2009 6:30p.m.

If your class meets Tue/Thurs

8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
12:30 or 1:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.

Your Final Exam is scheduled

Tuesday 04/28/2009 8:30a.m.  
Thursday 04/30/2009 8:30a.m.  
Tuesday 04/28/2009 10:45a.m.  
Thursday 04/30/2009 10:45a.m.  
Thursday 04/30/2009 1:30p.m.  
Tuesday 04/28/2009 3:45p.m.  
Thursday 04/30/2009 5:30p.m.

If your class meets one day a week at 6:00, 6:15 or 6:30, then your final exam is scheduled that evening.

## Students celebrate end of semester with spring fling

By JAMIE CURTIS

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield Activities Council (MAC) hosted "Spring Fling" on April 17 from 1-6 p.m. near the Steadman Theatre parking lot.

Attractions included free pizza, wings, snow cones, cotton candy, carnival games, an inflatable obstacle course, live bands, prizes, acrobats (fire jugglers) etc.

The bands that played at the event were Testing for Echo, A Rebours, which is a Mansfield University student band with Ryan Holmes as guitarist, as well as a group called The Morning Of. The event was paid for by Student Activity fees.

MAC Parliamentarian Kaela Mast was the head coordinator for this year's Spring Fling. "In my point of view, Spring Fling was incredibly successful. We couldn't have asked for a better day with the weather," Mast said. "I loved walking around seeing the smiles on people's faces and the parking lot filled with friends flying kites. The music was upbeat and something different than past events. I think it was a good day to reflect on friendships and the end of the semester."

Spring Fling is an annual event. "We [MAC] decided to do this...as an annual event because it was so successful the first time we did it a few years ago. We think it is a fun event and also a reward to the students for a great year." Mast said.

Many students came to the event Friday afternoon and they seemed to enjoy themselves. One student in particular was Jacqueline Mills "It [Spring Fling] sounded like a fun idea and out of the ordinary routine," Mills said. "[I liked] the reptiles. I used to play around with a Boa when I was a kid, [and] it just excited me." Mills also suggested the reptiles and obstacle course again for next year.

"I liked the wrecking ball... I just had fun being competitive with friends," sophomore Cody Hughes said. "It's good to get out of the dorm once in a while, and you couldn't task for a better day. It [Spring Fling] helps bring all of the students together."

Besides the games and animals the acrobatics also appeared to be interesting. "I liked the juggler because it was a chance to learn something new. I always wanted to learn how to juggle," student Cordell Crawley said. "This year was definitely an improvement from last year. I'd love to see bumper cars; more rides would give it more of a carnival feel."

For those interested in joining MAC, meetings are held Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. in 317 Alumni Hall

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## 'SPRING FLING PHOTOS'



PHOTOS BY ALICIA SHUMWAY

Students were able to enjoy different activities at Spring Fling such as sand art, tie dyeing shirts, air brush tattoos and many obstacle courses.

## Mansfield University Wind Ensemble gives performance

By CHELSEY SPANGLER

Flashlight News Writer

The Mansfield University Wind Ensemble performed their concert on Monday April 13, in Streadman Theater.

The Wind Ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Adam F. Brennan.

The concert started off with the piece "Florentiner" by Julius Fucik. This piece was conducted by graduate assistant Scott Schimpf. The piece is a march and it opens with a short bugle fanfare.

Next was "Escapade" by Joseph Spaniola, and this piece was conducted by Dr. Brennan.

The third piece of the night was "Symphony No. 1- The Lord of the Rings" by Johan de Meij. There are five movements in this piece and each represents a different part of the *Lord of the Rings*. The first movement is Gandalf (The Wizard) and it displays his wise noble personality through a brass fanfare. The second movement is Lothlorien (The Elvenwood) which describes the Elvenwood with its trees, plants, and exotic birds. Next is Gollum (Smeagol) which depicts this creature through the use of a soprano saxophone. *Journey in the Dark* describes the journey of the *Fellowship of the Ring*, and Gandalf

fighting the monster, Balrog. The last movement of the piece is the Hobbits. This movement expresses the carefree and optimistic nature of the Hobbits.

"This was my favorite piece because I love to play programmatic music, and this piece is written well," French horn player Linda Tice said. "This piece was challenging and fun at the same time."

After the *Lord of the Rings* symphony, there was a brief intermission. Then the concert resumed with "Raise the Roof" by Michael Daugherty. This piece featured Conrad Alexander, timpani soloist. Alexander is currently the percussion instructor at Mansfield University. It revolved around the timpani and the manipulation of its sound. In the beginning, a cymbal was placed upside down on the lowest timpani. When played on, the cymbal sounded like it had a pitch.

Other manipulations included striking the drums with mallets, brushes, and hands. Alexander also used the foot pedals of the drums to tune them while he was playing, causing different sounds while he played.

The crowd gave this piece a standing ovation.

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# CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

| Thursday                                       | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Sunday | Monday                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday             | Wednesday           |
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| 23<br>- 6 p.m. Broadway Review, Tau Beta Sigma | 24<br>- Last day of spring classes<br>- 6:30 p.m. Gabriel R. Wagaman, Senior Clarinet Recital<br>- 8 p.m. Johnny Cash tribute in Straughn. Student (with ID) tickets available in 325 AHSC. General Admission tickets are \$10. Doors open at 7 p.m. | 25<br>- 11 a.m. Walk A Mile In Her Shoes: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence. Main St. & Central Ave. in Wellsboro.<br>- 12 p.m. Sarah Hannold, Senior Flute Recital<br>- 3 p.m. Tristan Jackson, Senior Euphonium/Trombone Recital | 26     | 27<br>- First day of final exams<br>Visit <a href="http://esd.mansfield.edu/registrar/">esd.mansfield.edu/registrar/</a> for exam schedule. | 28<br>- Final exams | 29<br>- Final exams |
| 30<br>- Final exams                            | May 1<br>Residence halls close at 10 a.m. for non graduating students                                                                                                                                                                                | 2<br>Spring 2009 Commencement at 11 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3      | 4                                                                                                                                           | 5                   | 6                   |



## Mansfield University biology students take first place at CPUB

Three Mansfield University biology students took first place for their presentations at the annual meeting of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists (CPUB) at Lock Haven University on April 18. Another earned second in their respective category.

Samantha Kushner (Milford, PA) took first in a poster category while Tammy Petriwsky (Elmira, NY) won first in a platform (oral) session.

A joint oral presentation by Megan Morgan (Scranton, PA) and former Mansfield University students Andrea Strein, now of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Kimberly Dy, from Carnegie Mellon University, took first place. The trio completed their research while attending Mansfield. Strein and Dy are both natives of Wellsboro, PA.

Jennifer Hanes (Sabinsville, PA) was awarded second place for her platform presentation.

James Keliy (Troy, PA) and Dane Denmon (Dushore, PA) also presented at the meeting.

Hiwot Ketema Girma (Ethiopia) was recognized as Mansfield University's Outstanding Biology student at the meeting.

Kushner, Morgan, Strein, Dy, and Kelly were directed by Professor Bob Maris. Denmon and Hanes worked with Assistant Professor Leslie Clifford. Petriwsky was directed by Associate Professor Steve Stein.

Professor John Kirby is Mansfield's CPUB director.

CPUB is comprised of faculty and students from the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education institutions.



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Students Samantha Kushner, Tammy Petriwsky, Megan Morgan, Jennifer Hanes, James Kelly, Dane Denmon and Hiwot Ketema Girma (not all pictured) participated in the annual meeting of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists (CPUB) at Lock Haven University.

It is estimated that here in the United States more than 876,000 rapes of adult women and more than 111,000 rapes of adult men occur annually. This year, HAVEN of Tioga County will again be helping to raise awareness here in Tioga County by holding a Walk A Mile In Her Shoes: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence. Men, women and children of all ages are gathering on Saturday April 25 at 11 a.m. (the walk begins at 12 p.m.) to walk one mile in high heels. The walk will begin at the Green in Wellsboro.

Rape can affect anyone, but together we can make a stand against any form of sexual violence. If you are interested in walking, would like more information or are seeking any assistance for sexual violence, please contact HAVEN of Tioga County at (570)-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447

## News in a flash



First pirate to be tried in U.S. in over 100 years

By DEREK WITUCKI

Flashlight News Writer

Somali teenager, Abduhl Wali-i-Musi, appeared in a court in New York on Tuesday for arraignment on charges that he was one of the pirates who hijacked an American cargo ship and held its captain hostage.

Wali-i-Musi arrived in New York late Monday, according to *The New York Times*, in order to face what are potentially the first piracy charges in the United States in over a century.

Wali-i-Musi is the sole Somali survivor of the hi-jacking. He had already surrendered and was on board the destroyer, U.S.S. Bainbridge, when Navy sharpshooters killed the three men holding the American captain captive on the lifeboat.

The accused teenager and three other pirates seized control of the Maersk Alabama on April 8, releasing its crew, but taking the captain of the vessel, Richard Phillips, hostage for four days until his eventual rescue by U.S. forces. The tanker was carrying emergency food aid for East Africa when it was attacked.

Wali-i-Musi was injured in a skirmish with the crew, according to Phillips, and was being held aboard the U.S.S. Bainbridge in the custody of the U.S. Navy while the three other pirates held Phillips hostage. The three pirates were killed during Phillips rescue.

A reporter for the Associated Press reached the teenager's parents at their home in Galkayo, Somalia by telephone. In the call, according to *The New York Times*, the accused pirate's significant other said that Wali-i-Musi was just 16 and was "lured into piracy by older men with the promise of money."

"I appeal to President Obama to pardon my teenager," the mother, Adar Abdirahman Hassan, said to the

Associated Press. "I request him to release my son or at least allow me to see him and be with him during the trial."

The accused pirate's father, Abdiqadir Muse, said "the pirates lied to his son, telling him they were going to get money. The family is penniless," he told *New York Times* reporters.

Officials told *The New York Times* that Wali-i-Musi is at least 18, which means that his prosecutors will not have to take extra legal steps to have him tried as an adult under U.S. laws. However, his age will probably be a contested issue in upcoming court proceedings, legal experts said to *The New York Times*.

Maritime law experts also told *The New York Times* that a criminal trial would be a "historic and potentially useful approach to [the] long-standing problem" of piracy off the coast of Somalia. Piracy in the area is a continuously growing concern and diplomatic and military approaches to the problem from world leaders and authorities in the area have yet to find a solution.

Wali-i-Musi was handcuffed and shackled but smiling when he arrived at a federal detention center in New York City on Monday night.



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Wali-i-Musi was captured by the U.S. Navy shortly before snipers killed three pirates holding Capt. Richard Phillips hostage off Somalia's coast.

### 'WIND ENSEMBLE'

"This was my favorite part because I had never heard Alexander play before and I was impressed," attendee Kimberly Furente said. "I think just watching him play could be a show within itself."

"Pageant" by Vincent Persichetti was conducted by Schimpf. This piece starts with a slow tempo and develops into the climax of the piece.

Baron Cimetiere's "Mambo" by Donald Grantham was conducted by Dr. Brennan.

"I thought this piece was fun to play, but it was also technically challenging for me, that's why I liked it so much," Kelsey Fish said, oboist in the Wind Ensemble.

The final piece of the night was entitled "Sol y Sombra" by George Gates. "Sol y Sombra" translates from Spanish to sun or shade. This piece is a reference to the custom of selling bullfighting tickets on the sunny or shady side of the arena.



# horoscopes

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**ARIES****March 21-April 19**

Life is a little unclear right now -- there's not much you can do about it! Just kick back and see if you can get your friends and family to deal with ambiguity. You can explain it all later.

**TAURUS****April 20-May 20**

You're at your best when you're helping friends or total strangers today -- your energy is strong, but it's almost totally directed outward. You can rack up lots of bonus points if you apply yourself.

**GEMINI****May 21-June 21**

You don't get your way in a discussion or argument today and that brings immense frustration. The good news is that your long-term flexibility should help you to adjust to the new system.

**CANCER****June 22-July 22**

Focus on things like decoration, planning and brainstorming today - your good energy is too potent to waste on trivialities or busy-work. You can get back to that stuff in a few days.

**LEO****July 23-August 22**

Don't be too shocked or upset if you can't understand your friend or family today. They are having a hard time understanding you, too, so if anything, the feelings are mutual -- and temporary!

**VIRGO****August 23-September 22**

You're feeling the pressure to do something about your primary relationship. It may be your mate, a child or your best friend, but now is the time for you to step up and take the lead.

**LIBRA****September 23-October 22**

You need to keep a low profile today -- even if you're not an actual fugitive! It's just one of those days when you're not quite clear-headed enough to deal with confrontation on any level.

**SCORPIO****October 23 - November 21**

You're obsessed over one big question -- and it's one you can answer more easily than you think! Your blast of inspiration comes at just the right time for you, so you can wait for it.

**SAGITTARIUS****November 22-December 21**

You're letting something or someone go today -- probably without realizing it! The good news is that it's for the best, but it may drive you a little crazy for a while before you really realize that.

**CAPRICORN****December 22-January 19**

Make sure that you play around with your more creative ideas today - you should have extra time to do so and you're almost sure to hit on something that works out really well for you.

**AQUARIUS****January 20-February 18**

In one way or another, you need to deal with masses of people today -- and that might drive you a little crazy! It's one thing to just walk down the street, but quite another to have to address each one individually.

**PISCES****February 19-March 20**

You accidentally do something incredibly nice -- for yourself! It doesn't cost anyone else a cent, so relax and enjoy your hilarious mistake. It's a good time to be you, that's for sure!

## Environmental Facts of the Week

- 1) Every ton of recycled steel saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,000 of coal, and 40 pounds of limestone.
- 2) To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.
- 3) If all our newspaper was recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year!
- 4) The construction costs of a paper mill designed to use waste paper is 50 to 80% less than the cost of a mill using new pulp.

The above facts were taken directly from the Student Environmental Advisory Council of North Dakota State University. Visit their web site at [http://www.seac150m.com/fun\\_facts.html](http://www.seac150m.com/fun_facts.html)

## This day in history: April 23, 1564

According to tradition, the great English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon on April 23, 1564. It is impossible to be certain the exact day on which he was born, but church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and three days was a customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn. Shakespeare's date of death is conclusively known, however: it was April 23, 1616. He was 52 years old and had retired to Stratford three years before.

Although few plays have been performed or analyzed as extensively as the 38 plays ascribed to William Shakespeare, there are few surviving details about the playwright's life. This dearth of biographical information is due primarily to his station in life; he was not a noble, but the son of John Shakespeare, a leather trader and the town bailiff. The events of William Shakespeare's early life can only be gleaned from official records, such as baptism and marriage records.

He probably attended the grammar school in Stratford, where he would have studied Latin and read classical literature. He did not go to university but at age 18 married Anne Hathaway, who was eight years his senior and pregnant at the time of the marriage. Their first daughter, Susanna, was born six months later, and in 1585 William and Anne had twins, Hamnet and Judith. Hamnet, Shakespeare's only son, died 11 years later, and Anne Shakespeare outlived her husband, dying in 1623. Nothing is known of the period between the birth of the twins and Shakespeare's emergence as a playwright in London in the early 1590's, but unfounded stories have him stealing deer, joining a group of traveling players, becoming a schoolteacher, or serving as a soldier in the Low Countries.

Shakespeare died in Stratford-on-Avon on April 23, 1616. Today, nearly 400 years later, his plays are performed and read more often and in more nations than ever before. In a million words written over 20 years, he captured the full range of human emotions and conflicts with a precision that remains sharp today. As his great contemporary the poet and dramatist Ben Jonson said, "He was not of an age, but for all time." --*Courtesy of History.com*



# A graduation goodbye from features co-editor: Kay



Hi Flashlight Readers!

Jill and I decided that since this is our last *Flashlight* issue ever that we would write little goodbye notes from each of us. Graduation day is quickly approaching and the senioritis is becoming unbearable, but being part of the *Flashlight* has been one of my best experiences while at Mansfield. I have worked with

some of the best and brightest people and I am honestly going to miss them. I might not miss the Tuesday deadlines, but I will miss everyone in the office; news' many breakdowns, sports' laughing outbursts, and of course, our editor-in-chief's maneuvers in her jazzy. We have all complained together, laughed together and worked together and those experiences have made my college years bearable.

I can't express how much I love and will miss my better half and co-editor, Jill. She is one of my favorite people. She is smart, funny and, overall, just a wonderful person. It's hard to believe that I won't see her every week in the office, drinking a smoothie and eating Doritos. She just makes my day. From misspelling the word buffalo to watching "School House Rock" in the office, I have had so many memories with her. She reminds me to recycle, be environmentally conscience and be aware of what I eat. I know she is worried about starting a career, but Jill will

succeed in whatever she chooses to do—she's just awesome that way.

I am dreading having to say goodbye to our copy editor and my best friend, Jenelle Beaver, because she has been with me from day one. We were in a cluster together our freshman year and I have never had a better friend in my life as I do with Jenelle. I call her my secretary because she reminds me to RSVP for events, what assignments I have due the next day, and she even proofreads over my shoulder e-mails and stories I write in the *Flashlight* office. She has been there when I am happy, stressed, or just plain miserable and she sticks with me through it all. She works harder than anyone I know, balancing school, work, and family and she deserves much more credit than she receives. We are going to visit each other Jenelle! I love you too much to let you go!

I know that this letter might not seem to be of much importance to the student body, but it has a message: college may be

filled with endless classes and workloads, but it is the people who make some of the biggest impacts on our lives. The best friend from your first day (Love you Beaver!), the work study boss who gave you your first job (Miss you Bonster), the classmate who helped you make it through an awful class (B&P still gives me nightmares, Jill) and even a professor who went out of her way to help you find your way in this confusing world. They all make a difference, good or bad. Four years of your life is spent making memories with people you may never see again, but who have made an impact on you. It's cliché to say it has gone so fast, but it has nonetheless! College ends and the real world begins, so enjoy the experience and the people, because graduation day creeps up on you, whether you are prepared or not.

Thanks for reading and you'll be in good hands with Kim Blocker and Nick Abel at the features reins.

-Kay Barrett

# A graduation goodbye from features co-editor, Jill



Hello Readers!

As Kay noted, she and I just wanted to take the time to write a little goodbye to the readers. The *Flashlight* has been a huge part of my college experience, and I will not forget the great people I met through it, whether it is the other staff members or the people I interviewed for stories.

Kay is going on to work at *Mountain Home* magazine. She was a great co-editor and I always have admired her work ethic. She has also been a wonderful friend. She is kind, supportive and always has something nice to say when I'm feeling stressed or overwhelmed. While she gave away my secret that I do indulge in Doritos (the Cool Ranch kind, thank you very much), Kay has put up with my ramblings on food (don't get me started on cows and corn), recycling (that bottle can be recycled you know) and the environment

(why don't we re-use that paper?) and has encouraged me to follow my interests. Kay is very talented and be sure to check out her stories in *Mountain Home*.

Beka, our spring 2009 editor-in-chief, has been with me in this journalism business from the beginning. We took the Intro to Journalism course together and the rest is history. We quickly bonded over pizza at a *Flashlight* meeting in Allen Hall and my experiences would not have been the same without the other gold star. She is an excellent editor-in-chief and has always wanted to improve the *Flashlight* to serve you, the students, better.

For all the students who will be here next year, I encourage you to get involved. Pick an organization (or more!) and devote some time to it. While school work is important, you learn other skills and might even meet some friends.

I'd like to say goodbye to Mary, Liz, Charis, Nancy, Molly, Loren, Cassie, Katie, Amanda and of course my admissions buddies, Megan, Ashley and Paul. Of course, I cannot forget the other *Flashlight* staff members: Hazen, Nicki and Danelle. Thank you all for being such good friends. The other students, faculty and staff here at Mansfield has made my experience a memorable one.

Keep reading next semester, as the *Flashlight* will be under the capable hands of Nicole Hagan. Kim Blocker and Nick Abel are more than ready to take over the features section, so be sure to check it out.

-Jill Kauffman

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Facebook, Twitter, Chris  
Brown and Rihanna  
or even your fave TV shows.



# Dress for Success: interview clothing do's and don't's

By **KIMBERLEE BLOCKER**

*Flashlight Fashion Writer*

Finally it has come! The end of the semester is here! While everyone is stressing over finals and preparing for book buy back others will be entering the work force. Along with being on a massive job search in this poor economy, preparing your resume' and brushing up on your skills, your wardrobe is also important when in preparation.

Ladies, when it comes to interviews, suit skirts are the best way to go. Make sure that the skirt is long enough and fits appropriately so that you can sit down comfortably without bulge or feeling as though your legs are stuck together. Keep in mind that dark colors such as navy, black and dark grey are best because they will not become a distraction.

Coordinated blouses with the suit are probably the best choice, but make sure to avoid cleavage. If a suit isn't in budget, try a simple black skirt or pant leg and a

button down shirt. Wear safe colors underneath such as white, crème or pastels. Keep the shoes conservative. Do not wear shoes that show off toes or that are extremely high. Make sure to wear appropriate heels and if you can not walk in heels please wear flats. No one wants to see a prospective employee stumble or wobble into an interview.

If need be, neutral pantyhose are the best when showing off your legs and please remember to shave! Hair should be kept off the face because it can be distracting to interviewers when the interviewee keeps playing around or pushing the hair back. Ladies, light make-up always and forever! Never go into an interview with raccoon eyes, blue eye shadow or red lipstick looking as if you are a distant relative to Bozo the Clown. Maintain neatly manicured nails and if you aren't one for manicures just be sure to keep your nails clean or possibly splash clear nail polish on. As for jewelry, keep it simple and less

is always better. Plus, no jewelry is better than cheap jewelry, especially if it looks cheap and over the top.

Fellas, suits are always the best bet as well. Once again, if suits are not in the budget, then a black dress pant and a button down with a tie will work, even though suits are more impressionable. The colors should always be navy, black or dark grey, just like the women, with a long sleeve shirt. Men keep the shirts simple and do not wear wacky or tacky ties.

Keep ties to standard colors such as red, blue, grey, navy or black, but make sure it fits well with the suit. Suit pants should be worn with a belt, along with the shirt being tucked in. Never, ever, ever wear white socks or tube socks with dress shoes! Dark trouser socks are always the best way to go and they look more professional in case your pant leg rises during the interview exposing the dark colored sock.

Guys, preferably jewelry should not come into play, but if you can't part from

it for one day, keep it simple. Jewelry such as small bracelets, a ring or a small stud earring will be fine. Nothing big or dramatic such as huge diamond studs, spikes or large chains hanging and dangling from your neck. Aftershave or cologne should be limited and never overbearing. Also, guys, too, should keep their nails clean and nicely trimmed. Do not be afraid to get a manicure ladies!

Some things in general to keep in mind before going on an interview: make sure you have appropriate interview attire and everything fits correctly. Get your clothes ready the night before so you don't have to spend time getting them ready on the day of the interview. If your clothes are dry clean only, take them to the cleaners after an interview, so they are ready for next time. Polish your shoes. Bring a breath mint and use it before you enter the building.

## Guy love prevails in "I Love You, Man"

By **NICK ABEL**

*Flashlight Writer*

Peter Klaven had it all. A good-paying job, a solid plan for the future and now a beautiful fiancé. The only thing he didn't have was what he needed the most- the Best Man. Klaven's search for the new man in his life unfolds in the film, "I Love You, Man." The lead role is handled by Paul Rudd, an actor who has seen his fair share of wild comedies and over-the-top humor.

Growing up, Klaven was more of a "ladies man," never having any real male friends. With the help of his brother Robbie and fiancé Zooney, he is set-up on a series of "man-dates," a chance for him to meet other guys and finally find himself a best friend. Unfortunately for Klaven, each of these experiences turns out worst than the last. Fortunately for the audience, each one is more hilarious and awkward than the one before it.

All that changes when Klaven meets Sydney Fife, an outside-the-box overgrown teenager who considers himself a "real" man. Fife is portrayed to comic brilliance by Jason Segel, star of the breakout hit, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." At first, Klaven is skeptical and somewhat nervous about Fife, almost as if it were love at first sight. This translates into a comedic and clever situation as the two men slowly begin to get to know one another, eventually becoming an inseparable pair.

Many viewers may fear that this is nothing more than another cheesy romantic comedy (only with men), but the film manages to avoid the typical pitfalls. Klaven and Fife don't have any heart-wrenching moments or painful background stories. Instead, they maintain a swift and riotous levity that keeps the audience laughing and the story moving. Actors Adam Samberg, Rashida Jones, Jon Favreau and Jaime Pressly round out a superb and cast.

In the end, the movie reveals itself as more than just a "buddy comedy." It becomes a story of friendship, caring and gross-out humor. It asks the tough questions, but without being too confrontational. Can two men really go on a date? When does a friendship cross a boundary? Whatever answers the audience may find, best friends around the world will be saying: I love you, man.

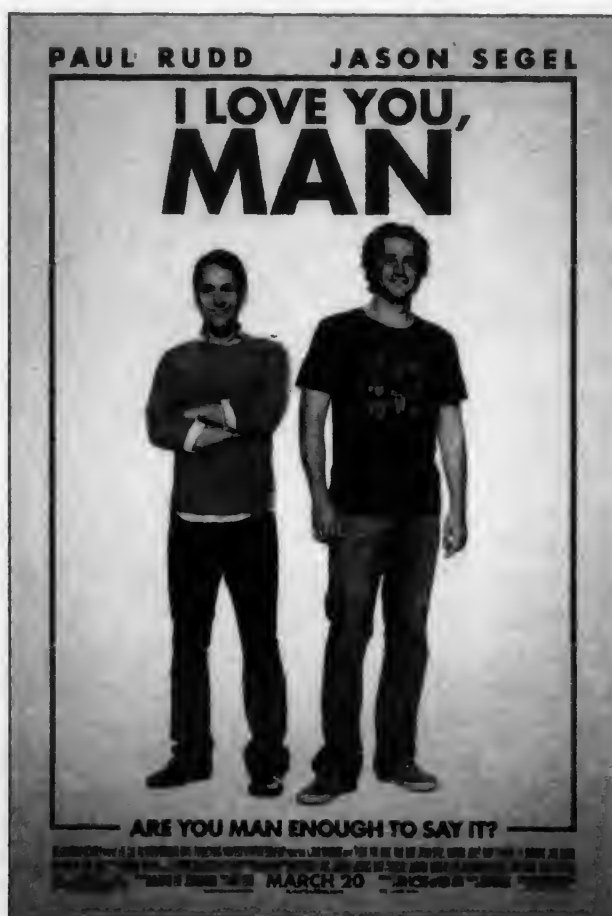


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Rudd and Segel offer a new version of brotherly love in the box office hit "I Love You, Man."

## Know an interesting person, place or activity?

Send your feature stories to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu) and you could see it published in the next issue!

Tell students what to check out and where to go in the area!





## Classic Toys of the '90s!



Among all the toys in the '90s, Pokemon was the least expensive and most addictive. For \$10 during the '90s you could also become the proud owner and parent of a Digimon. This little device not only made annoying little beeping sounds when it was in need, but it was also banned in many middle and high schools. Furbys, along with Tickle Me Elmo, were probably one of the hardest Christmas gifts to find. With their huge eyes and bird-like beaks they would talk to you for hours on end....

HOURS ON END!



## A Trip Down Memory Lane 90s Classics

### Kickin It With '90s Trivia...WORD!

1. What cable hit was all about "what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real"?
2. In Home Improvement, what are the names of the three boys? Who is the youngest?
3. Who shot Mr. Burns?
4. On Beverly Hills 90210, what was the name of Brandon's first car?
5. In Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, what was the butler's name?

A. 1)Real World 2) Mark, Randy, Bradley Taylor 3) Maggie 4) Mondale 5) Geoffrey



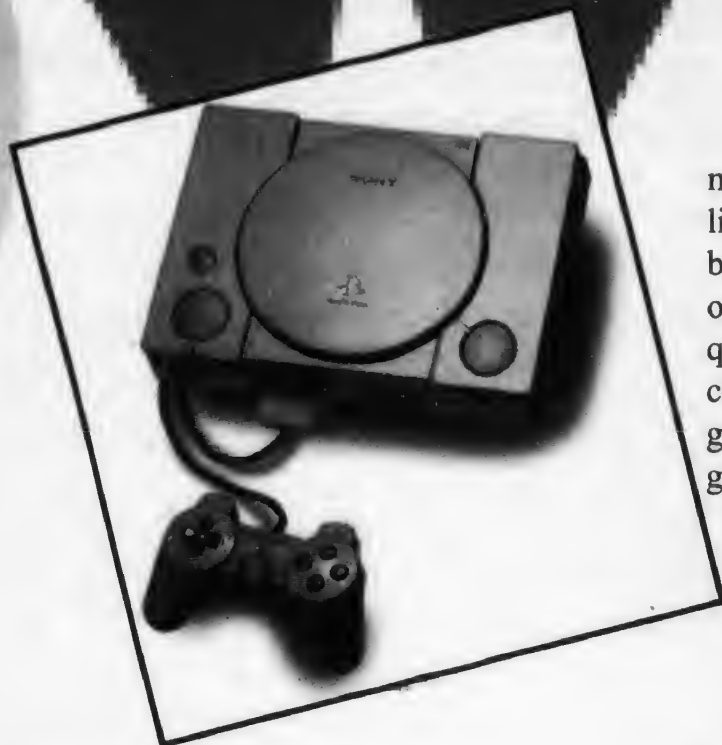
"Double Dare" was a game of trivia questions as they slithered through the maze to compete for a variety of prizes (some of which were children's version of the game show "Double Dare"). Here, famous Nickelodeon game show "Double Dare" challenged contestants to use their special skill or talent through clues to escape the "Hidden Temple" challenged contestants to escape the way through courses and mazes, the grand prize was a shiny new Huffly Bike.





## Game Systems of the '90s!

The Nintendo Game Boy became a must-have around the world for boys and girls alike. With limited color and graphics, the chunky system kept kids busy for hours. The Sega Genesis forced players to blow on their cartridges in the middle of a frozen game, but it quickly became one of the most popular platforms. Sony challenged Sega with the first playstation being the first game system to feature 3D graphics and somewhat better graphics.



## Game Shows of the '90s

game show that dared players to answer questions through an obstacle course in order to win prizes (some where even vacation spots). The game show "Password" was called "Figure It Out" where contestants would guess a contestant's answers to clues and hints. "Legends of The Hidden Temple" contestants to climb, jump and crawl their way through obstacles, competing for prizes. A memorable game show was "Double Dare" where contestants competed for prizes. A memorable game show was "Double Dare".



## Top 10 Wicked Artist of the '90s

1. Backstreet Boys/NSYNC
2. Spice Girls
3. LL Cool J
4. Whitney Houston
5. Notorious B.I.G.
6. TLC
7. 2PAC
8. Nirvana
9. Aaliyah
10. Brandy



# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

*Peace out cub scouts... I'm off to tackle the world of unemployment!*



Hello for the last time *Flashlight* readers. In only a few short days I'll be walking, or more accurately crutching, across the graduation stage. I'm sure you hear this idea at the end of every spring semester (and I know it's horribly cliché), but it really has gone by too fast.

Next semester, there will be several new editors joining the staff. The *Flashlight* fashionista Kim Blocker will be joining our go-to review man Nick Abel as features co-editors. Frequent news contributor Derek Witucki and Rebecca Hazen will be blissfully paired as news co-editors. The sports section will be anchored by newcomer and big GQ fan David Vanloon (nice!). Most importantly, former sports goddess Nicki Hagan will be filling my shoes (well only one shoe these days, but you know what I mean) as the new

editor-in-chief.

The staff has been fantastic this year and, despite being short on writers (hint! hint! comm. majors), we were never short on laughter (especially coming from Nicki's direction). Good luck to all of our new editors. Be nice to Mason. Also, good luck to Jill and Kay as they embark on the journey of life (but more so to Jill the taco fiend, because Kay won't need any help convincing the world to love her; that and she already has a job lined up).

If you've been reading my editorials at all this semester, I hope that you've learned from or appreciated something I had to say. My work is always laced with sarcasm and, although I try to inform, oftentimes my sole purpose is to piss you off. Even if you've ignored every screaming request to send in e-mails, I hope that

I've made you think or been the cause of a complaint, even if it was only voiced in a dorm room or at a lunch table. Let me also take one more chance to encourage you to e-mail your opinions to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).

Pay attention to the *Flashlight* and to the student government next year. There are important decisions to be made about your money, so try to stay tuned and stay involved. If you have an opinion about the movie theatre, rock climbing wall, scholarships, a turf field, paying the executive board or anything else, share it!

As much stress as being involved with SGA can be, it's rewarding to know that I've had a hand in making Mansfield (what I think at least is) a better place. Thank you to all of the senators who were stuck in room 317 till all hours because I was arguing my opinion. Thank you to the COF members who didn't take it personally when I yelled or told them to speak in turn. Thank you to the advisors who have been supportive of (or respectfully opposed) my opinions. Keep up the good work, be nice to Ralph and seriously look into hiring a Student Activity Fees Ranger. (I'll be the first application submitted.)

This year (and all four years), when I wasn't slaving away in the windowless prison we call *The Flashlight* office or crusading for some

new legislation in SGA, I was probably with my team. Even though I'm retired, I want to send my field hockey loves (Laurie and Oakes too!!) a huge thank-you for everything (minus the drama). When I'm a poor struggling journalist, I'll be calling on them to support me. Thanks in advance ladies. (This same love goes out to all of the fellow athletes I've had the pleasure of spending time with throughout the years, especially Miss Justine Segear, whose picture can be seen along with Katie Parsnik, Nick Martyak and Hayley Tuckey this week.)

Of course I can't say all of my good-byes and thank-yous without mentioning a few special people by name: Trev (Pig Pen loves you), Kel and Liz (buddies forever!), Hayl, Eric, Greenpeace, Hubby, D-Rock, Jamie, Mer (stay strong Bword), Shana (watch out for obese anger), Shantee, all my nurses and anyone else who I'm forgetting (sorry!!). You guys have definitely made life more interesting.

Keep on reading kids. If Nicki's editorials are anything like her, they're going to be hilarious and wear a baseball cap and thick eyeliner. Good luck with the rest of your college careers and thank you all for listening. (And e-mail *The Flashlight* next semester, please!!)

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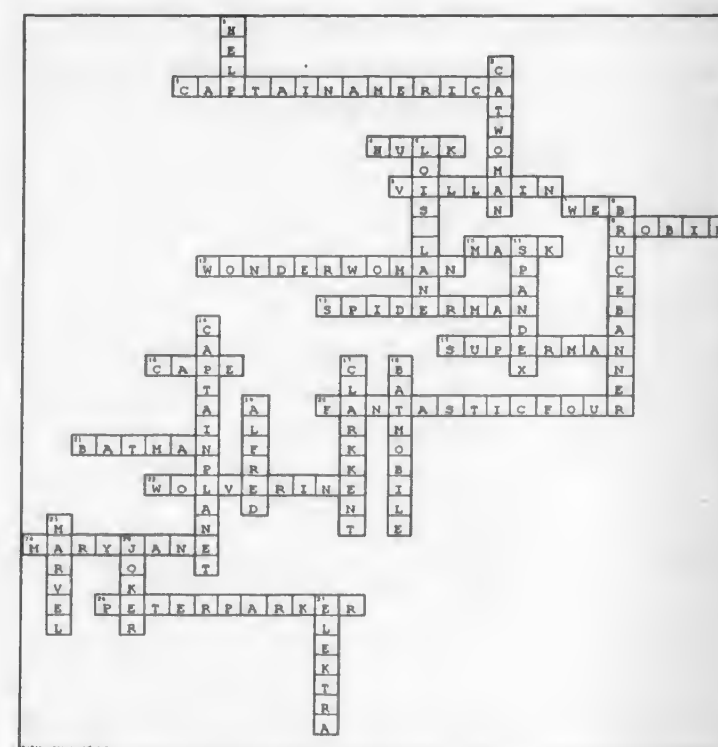


# Flashlight Puzzle Page

## ... The Summertime Crossword



### Solution to last week's puzzle:



### Across

1. Where Bobo the clown works
2. "Marco...!"
6. summer eye protection
8. no shoes
10. the hottest, most sultry days of summer
12. America's pastime
13. a item for your feet that can also mean changing your mind
17. a wooden area that beach-goers walk on along the beach
18. colorful explosions in the sky
21. another name for teeter-totter
22. the place kids visit to see all the animals
26. Hey Booboo. It's a \_\_\_\_\_
29. medieval building made of sand
30. sticky heat
32. what you get if you don't use suntan lotion
34. a form of dive that soaks the crowd
35. a sugary kids beverage "OH YEAH!"
36. 18 holes on the \_\_\_\_\_

### Down

1. brand of suntan lotion that involves a girl with pigtails
3. you put your ear up to this to hear the ocean
4. you throw this at the dog park
5. icy rainbow treats
7. opposite of cold
8. "I like to ride my \_\_\_\_\_"
9. a sauce for grilling chicken or beef
11. a celebration for everyone on your street
14. You can \_\_\_\_\_ the waves or \_\_\_\_\_ the net
15. A party for grilling hamburgers and hotdogs
16. "The Summer of \_\_\_\_\_" - a crime-drama about a serial killer in New York City
19. itsy bitsty tiny weiny yellow polka dot \_\_\_\_\_
20. "Summertime \_\_\_\_\_" - a song by Eddie Cochran and Jerry Capehart
23. "Let's go fly a \_\_\_\_\_"
24. an insect that glows in the dark
25. a specific trip or journey for the purpose of recreation
27. Myrtle \_\_\_\_\_ - a popular summer destination
28. doggy paddle, breaststroke and freestyle are all forms of \_\_\_\_\_
29. a lawn device used to water the grass as well as an '80s dance move
31. a tube used for underwater breathing
33. a Rihanna song and something that protects you from the sun
34. a vacation into the woods

# The Flashlight: Letter to the Editor...



Dear Editor,

This past Thursday I had the honor of being in the audience for one of the better speakers that I can remember in my career here at Mansfield University. Former USC football quarterback's coach, Yogi Roth delivered a speech that genuinely inspired. The message, titled "Win Forever," was rooted in the basic precepts of preparation and control and based upon everything that is leadership.

Roth delivered the speech with precision and confidence, every word driving home the point of change and a 'new' normal. Unfortunately, there was only about 30 students and a couple faculty members there to hear it. I found myself wondering if Roth, who has turned down millions to coach for NFL programs and had the opportunity to work with the best college teams in the nation year in and year out, was just as confused as I was as to why no coaches or teams were in attendance. I found myself thinking, "Over the past few years, what were the biggest initiatives set out here at Mansfield?" The answer folded hand-in-hand with the foundation upon which our guest speaker stood: football and leadership. And yet, despite all of the effort and work this university has put into promoting sprint football and leadership, only 30 people showed up to hear about it from a guy who's pretty proficient in both.

This letter is not about Yogi Roth or football. I'm sure *The Flashlight* is already doing an article about that and they would know how to write it much better than I. This letter is about the complacent campus that Mansfield University has become. If that statement makes you angry, it should. It makes me angry too, but it's the truth.

Over the past year or so I have noticed an extreme lack of interest from the student body. A guy by the name of Lupe Fiasco was here last fall and, in mid-concert amongst an assembly of free-flowing instruments, he gave a speech in which he challenged Mansfield University to "wake the f-ck up." Mansfield missed the memo, probably because only about 100 students showed up to hear it.

Where has our desire to be involved

gone? Do we no longer care to capitalize on the opportunity to learn outside the classroom? It's depressing in the sense that, you only really have about four years here as a student. After that, it's (hopefully) a full-time job with the possibility of a family on the backburner. When your four years are up, do you really want to say you spent the majority of it in your dorm room playing Call of Duty 4? When all is said and done, do you really want to tell people that the biggest decision you had to make in college is whether you were going to Chango's or Mark's Brothers on a Thursday night? Has this become Mansfield's idea of "busy"?

I ask because many students tell me they don't attend campus events because they are too "busy." Busy with what? Class work? Class work is the reason you came here. It is what your money buys when you enroll at Mansfield University. It is par. You are meeting expectations by completing it and selling yourself short by blowing it off. Every single student here has class work, including the ones who find the time to put hundreds of campus events on for you throughout the school year. You're not that busy.

Go outside of your comfort zone and get involved. Write for *The Flashlight*, run for a position on the executive board of one of Mansfield's Big 3 or start a campus organization for yourself. Break the mold because if you don't, who will?

I say this college is complacent partly because I believe it to be true, but mostly because I want to be proven wrong. In fact, I look forward to it. If I got one thing from hearing Roth speak the other night, it was that winning forever, in life, is finding yourself in what you do and losing yourself in what you love.

Lose yourself Mansfield University.

Name withheld by request

Dear Editor,

HELP keep your community warm.

You can do so much for someone by doing so little. By opening your hearts, closets and wallets, you can help the needy people of your community stay warm this winter when the odds are

against them.

Due to the ever rising fuel prices this year, it is going to be extra difficult for people on a fixed income to heat their homes and stay warm. However, there are several things that you can do to help!

Take a minute to reach into the back of your closet and take out those old sweaters and jackets you haven't worn in years and donate them. Places like your local church, food pantry (they accept clothes too), homeless shelters and the Salvation Army are great places to take your unwanted clothes. It might be old and worn out to you, but it could be new and warm to someone who cannot afford to buy a new sweater or warm jacket.

Another thing you can do is donate a small amount of money to your local utility provider and help a family pay their energy costs. Pennsylvania Power and Light (PPL) founded Operation HELP twenty five years ago. Your generosity has helped PPL raise \$17 million dollars and has helped 60,000 families pay their energy bills.

This winter season purchase one less gift or "necessary" pair of shoes for yourself and open your hearts to those who are cold and less fortunate.

Your generosity will keep YOU warm this winter.

Katie McConville  
Lake Ariel, PA

Dear Editor,

I do not approve in giving students' money to other students in need. Not to be rude, but I am having enough financial trouble myself and pay for all of my college through student-loans. Why can't anyone else? I would much rather take my share of the fee back and help myself financially then let someone else who I don't even know have my money.

If it wasn't used this year, then it should be left in the account for next year or dispersed elsewhere so that it is fair and used by all students, not just by a small number of students. I am highly offended that such a question would be asked, mainly because there are so many students that could use that money and I know the amount listed would not be fairly dispersed.

Why doesn't that money go towards putting in a new turf field that the whole student body and community could use? It is ridiculous that Mansfield University

is the ONLY school in the PSAC that does not have a turf field, yet they want to build a movie theater? In the longrun a turf field would benefit the university greatly. More people will want to come here. As an athlete, it is so frustrating to see potential recruits decide not to come here solely based on that reason.

So the answer I give is "no" to giving money like that to people who cannot afford to attend this school. If they cannot afford to go here, then they will not be able to afford to go to any school. Other schools are certainly not just going to hand them money out of pity. It may sound mean, but it's the honest truth. The money should go to the students who are attending this school and are legitimately paying for their education. If we give them money now, they are going to expect it in the future and possibly take advantage of it. We do not want that reputation within our University.

I just take it personally, especially being an athlete here at the University. I care enough about this school to express my opinion strongly. However, the money that athletics gets goes right to equipment and scholarships and anything that is needed. And, may I add, my athletic scholarship is hardly anything at all. I know Roger [Maisner] had proposed funding a turf field, but I was told my senior year of high school that there was a proposal for it. How long is this going to go on?

As an athlete, it is just frustrating to deal with. If the athletic department could take all of the money they get and put it towards a turf field, they would, and we would have one in a year or two. However, the money we get does not leave enough left over for a turf field.

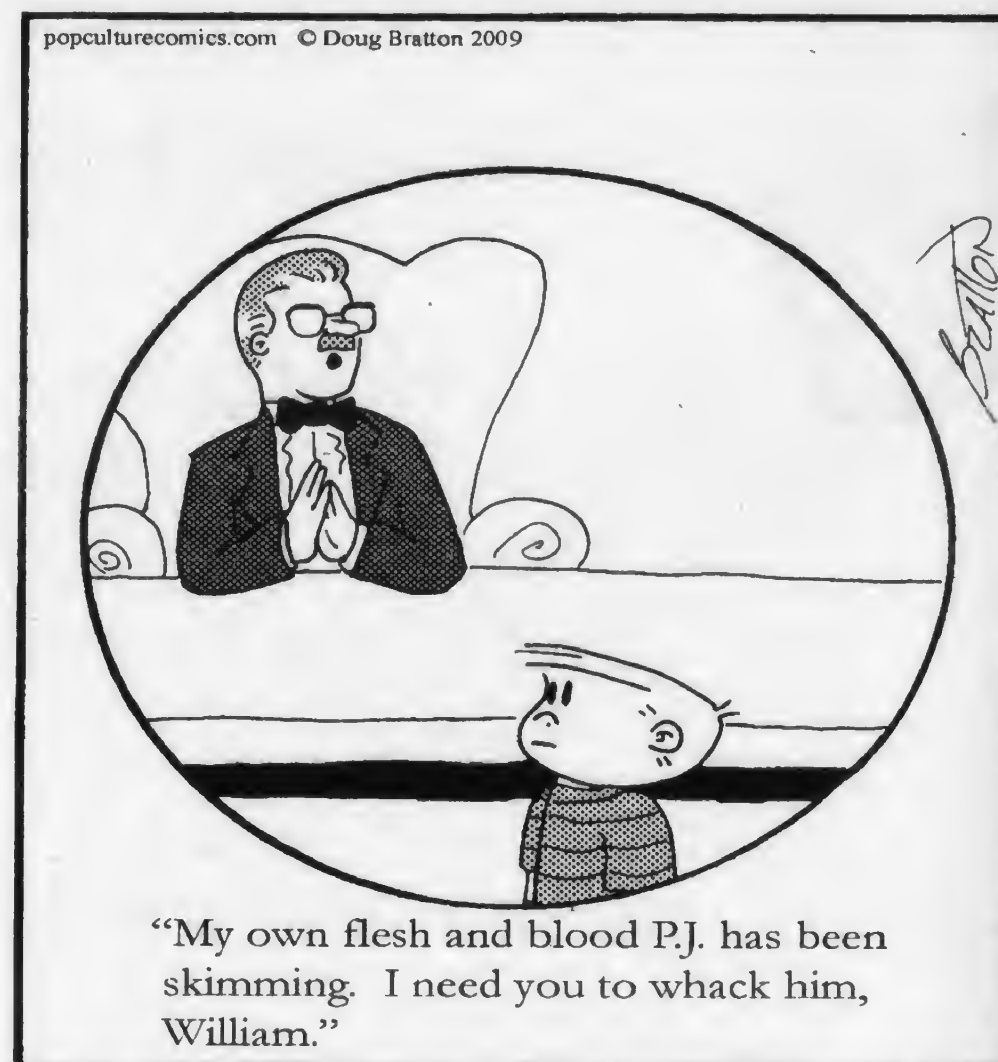
I see the extra student activities fee money as a perfect opportunity to work towards getting a field. I'm not just saying this as an athlete, but also as a student. It's not just the athletes that will be using it, but all students and the community and surrounding high schools.

Instead of taking money and giving it to a short-term cause, give it to a long-term cause that will actually make you money back in the long run. How are you benefiting from just giving away money to people who will only be here for four years and then leaving? To me, it just sounds like blowing money out the window.

Brittany Kostishion



# Flashlight Comics



Organized Crime Family Circus

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# Roth shows Mansfield students how to "Win Forever"



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Yogi Roth walked on to the University of Pittsburgh as a wide receiver for the football team and became a part-time starter where he amassed 15 career receptions. Roth also won Big East All-Academic honors twice during his enrollment at the university.

By NICOLE HAGAN  
*Flashlight Sports Editor*

"Win forever."

It may seem like a Nike commercial or an impossible feat – a form of never-ending good karma or transcendental thought. However, to Yogi Roth, former University of Southern California (USC) quarterback coach, it's a "new norm" that everyone should use to guide their life.

"Win forever is a lifestyle, a philosophy and it's simple," Roth said. "It's being the best person you can possibly be. It offers a thought process for a new generation of thinkers and talkers and it's a new way of approaching life. Once you live at that level of 'new norm,' it's easy to rip through life."

This "new norm" and live forever philosophy was created by head USC football coach, Pete Carroll. As the head coach of the Trojans, he's taught his players such concepts as consistency and maximizing the opportunities in front of them. It's no wonder that in Carroll's seven years at USC the Trojans have been to six BCS bowl games, they've won two national championships and they have produced 30 All-American first team athletes.

"I've been a fan of philosophy since I was a kid and Pete [Carroll] and I connected and bonded because of this," Roth said. "We'd be up until one in the morning talking about philosophy. We developed a friendship and it was like I became a part of his family. We did a lot of things together from going on 60 Minutes to organizing a peace rally. His guidance and his inspiration have a lot to do with why I'm standing here today. However, I've always been a global thinker. I saw that culture can change at a young age. I watched as my town went from obscurity to winning tournaments and realized that cultures can shift. It's all in the journey. The fun part is watching the world change."

Competition is at the core of this philosophy. Despite Roth's obvious roots in football, he believes that in order to achieve that "new norm" of living, we need to constantly be on a quest for change and growth. This "theme" of competition is one of three objectives he described to fulfill the "win forever" philosophy.

"Compete for anything," Roth said. "Compete for grades, to be the best father you can be, whatever. It should be a relentless pursuit. Life is about daring to be great."

Continuing with his coaching-style of advice, Roth explained that the other two objectives in this win forever philosophy were to develop a belief system for yourself and create an environment for yourself that allows you to achieve this "new norm."

"There are three rules when creating the belief system," Roth said. "The first is to protect the team. The team can include anyone from friends to family. The second is no whining, no complaining and no excuses. Deal with life and suck it up. It's all about your mind set. What you say will happen if you think that way and expect great things. The last is be early. Be organized. Everything counts; there are no choices. You're either competitive or you're not. You can't sneak by. When you choose to be a winner, everything changes."

"As for your environment, practice is everything. It allows you to become confident and focused. Once you practice, you can do practically anything in the absence of fear," Roth said. "You know that you'll win forever. Practice allows you to walk freely because you've earned that freedom through the hard work that got you to that point."

Roth believes that fear is one of the biggest obstacles people face. While he knows that there are daunting things in this world, he's not here to search for those things or dwell on the obstacles that will inhibit what he wants to do in life.

"When I'm out surfing, I know that I could be eaten by a shark, but I'm not going

to paddle around the beach wondering where the shark is at. There are some things you can't control – like your competition – so all you can do is focus on what you can do and forget everything else. I've lived every moment of my life exactly how I wanted to and I've taken chances because I don't let the fear of my competition get in the way of achieving my goals. My folks have always taught me to dream and to be true to myself."

Roth realizes that fear is the cause of many of the social and economic problems of today. After traveling around the world to places such as Peru, Australia, Chile and Israel, he's come to believe that life is easier and more sincere than we make it.

"I've learned that life is simple. Just trust your heart and gut. I've always believed that hard work always pays off and that good things always happen to good people. People aren't born to kill. I believe in a language called peace and love. I believe that beyond religion and beyond race, we all speak this language."

This is why Roth's new company – a company named "Win Forever" in compliance with the philosophy – has set out to inspire people to be the best they can be.

"There's power in everything we say and do," Roth said. "Gone is following in your parents footsteps and doing what everyone else has done. We're in a new generation now. What our generation now needs to do is

create. You're the new norm. Just do one thing really great. Go and create any career path you want. Tailor your creativity to whatever is in front of you. Because of the state of today, we need to do things better than we've ever done before. You're never going to win forever, but you have to try."

Roth's passion to live life and inspire people is the foundation of his company's two goals: to help people find themselves and to build a brand with a tremendous amount of depth that will be able to tie different generations together. He is hoping that, like the 30-or-so Mansfield University students who showed up at his speech in Allen Auditorium, he'll be able to bring the world together by speaking this "universal language." However, while he plans on hitting different locales in Southern California to spread his message, he understands that the effectiveness of his message lies in the hands of the individuals he speaks to and how they use their knowledge to bring about change.

"Hopefully they just say it [the "Win Forever" philosophy]. There's power in that affirmation. We just need to trust that everyone will take the responsibility and follow up with their actions. We need everyone to take things into their own hands and try to be the best individuals they can be – to be competitive and reach that 'new norm.' The challenge is to live this way every day."



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRITTANY MERTSOCK  
Kevin Valentine, a member of the Mansfield University sprint football team chatted with Roth after the lecture. Valentine was one of several football players who attended the event sponsored by Operation Sports Fanatic (OSF).



# Rosenberger throws four-hitter to clinch series win against Millersville



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION  
Rosenberger has anchored the rotation this season with his team-best six wins.

By **DAVID VANLOON**

*Flashlight Sports Writer*

Mansfield took three of four from Millersville in the weekend series to pull even in the playoff hunt.

Mansfield swept the home-half of the four game set, winning by a score of 15-13 in game one, and 7-6 in game two.

The Mountaineers entered the double feature with a conference record of 5-11, two games behind Millersville in the standings. Mansfield was behind 4-1 in the third inning, before Chris Miller hit a shot with the bases loaded to recapture the lead. "I was just looking for a pitch to hit on the outer half

of the plate," C. Miller said. "When I hit it, I thought it was a double, but the wind carried it out and I'll take the grand slam anytime."

Chris Zelko started the game for the Mountaineers in the first game, lasting three plus innings and giving up five runs on seven hits before turning over a tie ball game to relief pitcher, Joe Will. Will escaped the fourth without further damage, and received the benefit of six Mountaineer runs in the home half of the inning.

Cody Stinger capped the rally with a three-run home run, making use of seven Mountaineer hits in the inning.

Millersville answered with six runs of their own in the fifth to erase the lead, chasing Will who was able to record only one out in the inning, while allowing four runs. Bernard Johnson came in to record the second out of the inning, but yielded to Trevor Tellip after giving up two more runs on a pair of hits and a walk.

Tellip struck out the only batter he faced in the game. It was enough to pick up his second win of the season.

Mansfield scored four more times in the fifth to expand the lead to 15-11.

Millersville cut the lead to a pair of runs in the sixth and threatened to take the lead when catcher, Miles Gallagher hit a deep drive to left center field with two men on, but Kevin Miller cut the rally short with an athletic catch that saved three runs. "I heard the ball come off the bat and saw it fly," K. Miller said. "I put my

head down and ran. As I looked up, I heard my brother say, 'Get up Kevin!' and I got in the air, hit the wall, and made the catch. I was just trying to help the team win."

K. Miller was equally as impressive at the plate, reaching base with three singles and scoring all three times. "In the lead-off spot I've just been trying to get on base and let people knock me in," K. Miller said. "I've got a good line-up behind me and they'll get me in somehow."

K. Miller leads the team in batting average (.373), while his older brother C. Miller trails close behind with an average of .353. "If we keep winning, I'll finish completely behind him in every category," C. Miller said. "As long as we make the playoffs, I don't care."

Game two ended in walk-off fashion when Tony Battisti ripped an RBI double to win the game in extra-innings.

Jordan Garcia pitched four innings for the Mountaineers, allowing just two runs on five hits, and left the game with a 3-2 lead. Tyler Noel came in for Mansfield with a scoreless fifth, but surrendered the lead in the sixth inning on a couple of walks and three hits for three runs (two earned).

With two outs and down by two runs in the seventh, Cody Stinger tied the game with a two-run home run to set the stage for Battisti's final moment heroics. Johnson recorded the win for Mansfield.

Eric Rosenberger gave the Mountaineer bullpen a rest during Saturday's game one,

going the distance for Mansfield in a 7-1 victory. Rosenberger allowed just four hits on the day while striking out five. The win improved the left-hander's record to 6-2 and lowered his earned run average (ERA) to 3.70. Rosenberger earned Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East Division Pitcher of the Week after the win, having beaten Shippensburg earlier in the week, allowing two runs over 6.2 innings.

In the second game of the double-header it was Millersville who received a strong out from their starter, and the Mountaineers fell 7-2.

The series win leaves the Mountaineers in a position to control their own destiny as long as they can continue their winning ways. "Each game is just as important as the next," Hillson said. "They're all big games and you have to try to win as many of them as you can."

The team split a two game set with Lock Haven on Tuesday, winning a blow out in game one by a score of 17-4. In game two the pitching staff blew a 5-0 lead in the fourth, and a 7-4 lead in the sixth to send the game into extra innings. Lock Haven scored two runs in the eighth to put the game on ice.

The game marks the last time Mansfield and Lock Haven will face off on a baseball field. Steve McCloskey, Director of Sports Information, announced during Friday's game that Lock Haven has decided to cancel their baseball program.

Lock Haven is currently 17-31 overall.

## Shane Chapman Editorial: NBA Playoff Predictions

By **SHANE CHAPMAN**

*Flashlight Sports Writer*

As the NBA Final progresses, I'm going to analyze each of the contenders and explain how the NBA playoffs are going to unfold and who will be your champion this basketball season.

Taking a look at the West first, I think it's obvious that there is a clear favorite in the conference. The Los Angeles Lakers clinched the number one seed in the West weeks before the eight seeds were determined. Kobe Bryant is one of the top three players in the league and one of the most prolific scorers in the league. He will continue to average his 25 points per game throughout the playoffs.

Sorry Utah, you're done. Number two seed Denver Nuggets quietly made their way to the top of the West and will take down the New Orleans Hornets in the first round. J.R Smith has an opportunity to become a breakout star in the league and should take advantage of the opportunity that he has in front of him. Carmelo Anthony will have no problem scoring his amount of points each game. Chauncey Billups brings the playoff experience at the point position for the Nuggets, which is something they haven't had in the past. If the Denver Nuggets can step up on the defensive side of the ball and limit the amount of points, they'll be a force to be reckoned

with. I really feel that the other four teams in the West have no chance to advance too far into the playoffs. Both the Spurs and Mavericks have the experience, but are aging and aren't the teams that they were in the past. As for the Trail Blazers and Rockets, they are too young. They don't have the balance between a young team and experience to be able to move on and challenge for a championship with the Lakers and Nuggets. Ultimately, Kobe will be too much to handle, and the inside duo of Gasol and Bynum will dominate the weak inside game of the Nuggets to move on and represent the West.

Looking at the East, there is again a team that is above and beyond all of the other teams in the East. Soon-to-be MVP, LeBron James and the Cavs are without a doubt the team to beat. I like the first round games in the East with a couple potential upsets which may make the road to the championship even easier for the Cavs.

As much as I love the way Dwayne Wade plays the game, and I do think he should be the MVP of the league, I don't think that he has enough around him to take down the up-and-coming Atlanta Hawks. There are too many weapons on the Hawks and not enough Dwayne Wade's on the Heat to pull it off. Although the new A.I. made a miraculous buzzer beater to take down Dwight Howard

and the Magic in game one, the fun stops there for the 76ers. Dwight Howard will gather the troops and take Orlando into the second round.

Being a Bulls fan, it's easy for me to say that I think that the Bulls are going to beat the Celtics - but they *are* going to beat the Celtics. I mean that in the most professional expert sense possible. The Boston Celtics were never the "Big Three" in my eyes, they were the "Big One" with Kevin Garnett. Now that Garnett is injured, the Celtics are not the same team. The Bulls did a phenomenal job shutting down Ray Allen in game one and stealing game one away from the Celtics. Look for the Bulls to make a move all the way to Eastern Conference Finals between the Cavaliers and the Atlanta Hawks. Yeah, I called it, the Hawks. Unfortunately for the Hawks will not get a taste of the Finals. As I said before, they have LeBron James. Enough said.

The finals match-up between the Cavs and Lakers has everything you could ask for: two of the top players in the league, all star big men in Gasol and "Z", the zenmaster Phil Jackson. So who will come out on top? It's a coin flip really, speaking of which, congrats to the women's softball team getting it's first playoff berth in school history. I have to go



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Lebron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers will look to capture the franchise's first NBA Championship since joining the league.

with the Cavs, they have the MVP, an all star point guard and all star center, coach of the year and home court advantage throughout the finals. In seven games LeBron James will create his legacy by giving the Cavs their first championship, his MVP award and the Finals MVP. It's been a good year writing these features for *The Flashlight* this semester, have a great summer and enjoy the NBA playoffs.



# Track and Field team picks up personal best at Brockport

By NICOLE HAGAN

*Flashlight Sports Editor*

The Mansfield University outdoor track and field team picked up personal records (PRs) and PSAC qualifying times at the Brockport Invitational on Saturday, April 18.

Brenae Edwards kicked things off for the women's team with a first place win and a PSAC qualifying time in the 1500 meter run (4:56.41) and a fourth place win in the 800 meter run (2:30.71).

"Brenae has been doing well this season," head coach Mike Rohl said. "Her training has been consistent and she's been hitting her marks. She's also been getting consistent mileage, running 45-50 miles a week for the past three or four months, and on her hard days when she does pace work she's always prepared. She had a PR in the 3000 meters a few weeks ago, an event she'll probably compete in at the conference championships, and at Brockport she was running the 1500 and 800 to help her out in the 3000."

Kelly Hollenbeck, Sarah Vivona and Megan Smickley also competed in the 1500 and 800 meter runs. Following Edwards in the 800, Hollenbeck picked up a ninth place finish (2:42.55), Vivona picked up an 11 place finish (2:45.60) and Smickley picked up a 14 place finish (2:51.81). In the 1500 meter run, Hollenbeck earned an 11 place finish (5:33.94) while Smickley followed right behind with a 12 place finish (5:39.35). Smickley earned PRs in the 1500 and 800 while Hollenbeck earned a PR in the 1500.

Brooke McDaniel, Jenelle Toter, Carly Klinger and Erica Ferguson ran the shorter distance races for Mansfield University. McDaniel took second in both the 400 meter dash (60.36) and the 200 meter dash (27.20), earning her a PR in the 400. She was followed in the 400 by Erica Ferguson who placed seventh (63.82). In the 200 meter dash, McDaniel was followed by Toter who finished fourth (27.48) and Klinger who finished sixth (27.84). Toter also

received a third place finish in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.29.

Other competitors for the women's team included Abbie Waltz, Megan Savioli, Anastacia Canfield, Alicia Edkin and Jessica Hurt. Waltz earned a fourth place finish in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 68.73 while Savioli earned eighth with a time of 73.01. Canfield earned a PR and tied for fifth in the women's high jump with a height of 4-08.25 (1.43m) and Edkin and Hurd rounded things out by placing in the women's shot put and discus throws. Edkin finished 12 in the shot put with a distance of 28-03.00 (8.61) and 15 in the discus throw with a distance of 85-07 (26.10m) while Hurd finished 13 in the shot put with a distance of 27-10.00 (8.48m) and 17 in the discus throw with a distance of 77-01 (23.49m).

The women's relay teams of Toter, Klinger, McDaniel and Ferguson also competed on Saturday in the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays. The team won the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 49.96 and placed third in the 4x400 with a time of 4:24.32.

"We're doing well in the 4x100," women's track coach Steph Cadwell said. "We haven't broken 50 seconds since the conference meet, so that's an accomplishment considering we still have three meets left."

Mike Gray placed the highest in the individual competitions for the men's side, earning a first place finish in the men's discus throw with a Nationals qualifying distance of 161-11 (49.35m). He also finished fifth in the men's shot put, throwing a distance of 44-09.50 (13.65m) and 10 in the men's hammer throw, earning a distance of 137-04 (41.86m).

Despite his win, Coach Rohl explained that this has not been an easy season for Gray.

"It's been a rough past few weeks for Mike," Rohl said. "He had some technical problems with his discus throw where he wasn't able to hit his position across the circle and it took him about two weeks to fix it. He also

sprained his finger in the shot put at the CalU meet and he's just getting over the flu. So on Saturday, he started with the hammer throw, but was still a little out of sorts. He started to feel better as the day progressed, however, and his body was more awake and his mind was more alert in the discus. He's a very hard working and disciplined athlete and I'm sure he'll do fine after we get him settled down and he gets back into the swing of things."

In the shorter distance races, four individuals combined to pick up points for the men's team. Justen Johnson, Bryan Falcone, Buddy Winward and Henry Green all competed in the 200 meter dash. Johnson placed highest, earning a seventh place spot in the event (23.91), while Falcone earned 13 (24.57), Winward placed 19 (25.50) and Green placed 22 (26.89).

"Going into the 400, I felt very strong and rested, which was different from other races," Johnson said. "Practicing blocks before the race, along with the decent weather helped me get the edge I needed."

Johnson and Falcone also competed in the 400 meter dash. Johnson earned fifth (50.74) while Falcone earned 11 (52.26) and Green wrapped things up with an 18 place finish in the 100 meter dash (13.13).

Nate MacNabb led six other Mansfield runners in the longer distance races, placing second in the 1500 meter run (4:04.27) and third in the 800 meter run (2:01.83).

"Nate has been steady all year round," Rohl said. "He's doing the things that are expected of him, despite having a minor injury. He lost a little because of it, but he'll get that back. He's young, but he's learned how to take care of himself and bounce back after minor setbacks."

MacNabb was followed by Joe Stanek, Henry Potter, Sean Vollenweider, John McDonnell, Scott Wilt and Brady Finogle. In the 1500 meter run, Stanek placed third (4:10.19) while Vollenweider placed 13 (4:17.69). Wilt, McDonnell



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and Finogle placed 28, 29, and 30 respectively, with Wilt earning a time of 4:26.52, McDonnell earning a time of 4:29.18 and Finogle clocking in at 4:41.24.

Following MacNabb in the 800 meter run, Potter placed fifth (2:03.04), Stanek placed eighth (2:04.27), Vollenweider placed 15 (2:08.07) and McDonnell placed 28 (2:17.81). Wilt and Finogle earned back-to-back placements once again, with Wilt finishing 30 (2:20.79) and Finogle placing 31 (2:23.96).

Mason Teribury, Craig Barber and Bryant Rager rounded out the day on the men's side. Teribury placed seventh in the 400 meter hurdles (59.33), Barber tied for first in the men's pole vault with a height of 14-03.25 (4.35m) and Rager placed seventh in the men's triple jump and tenth in the men's long jump with distances of 40-11.50 (12.48m) and 20-01.50 (6.13m) respectively.

The team's next meet will be on Saturday, April 25 at Cornell University.



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## Softball wins coin toss to earn first playoff berth in school history

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Mansfield University's softball team earned its first-ever playoff berth after splitting a double-header against Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) on Friday, April 17.

In their final games of the season, the Mountaineers defeated the Crimson Hawks in the opener 2-1, but lost the nightcap 16-12. The games marked a crucial junction for the team, since the results of the double-header would determine whether Mansfield had a shot at earning their first PSAC playoff berth.

The wins were not as definitive as they had hoped, however. After securing the opener, Mansfield held a two-win lead over the Crimson Hawks in the conference. Nonetheless, the final playoff spot was still to be determined since the Mountaineers had to wait and see if IUP would sweep last-place Clarion University the following Saturday. If IUP won both games, they would tie the Mountaineers for the final playoff spot and force PSAC headquarters to finalize the conference by a coin-toss decision. Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, IUP was able to pick up those wins.

The coin toss for the final spot took place on Monday, April 20 at 10 a.m. Mansfield's head softball coach, Edith Gallagher, had the daunting task of calling the flip and she chose heads based on a team decision. The coin was tossed and heads it was - the Mountaineer softball team was heading to the PSAC playoffs.

"I felt uneasy going into the coin toss because it was totally random," Gallagher said. "The process took place in the commissioners office with two witnesses there and the IUP coach and

myself on a conference line. My assistant coach and I had decided on heads on Friday after the games, and also a majority of the team wanted us to pick heads. I feel incredibly happy for this team to make it to playoffs. They have worked so hard all year and they have continued to get better as a team, so it's great for them to see their hard work pay off."

Despite the excitement going into the coin toss, there was plenty of action going on in the final games that proceeded. In the opener against IUP, the Crimson Hawks started things off with a run in the top of the first, but Mansfield retaliated in the bottom of the third when sophomore Nicole Yost hit a two-run home run to give the Mountaineers the 2-1 win. Yost's home run marked her eighth of the season, the most that any Mansfield softball player has hit since Jackie Lahaska hit nine in 2003.

Melissa Baer pitched a complete game, allowing only seven hits while striking out three and walking none. The win brought her record to 6-7 on the season.

The nightcap was a completely different story, with the Mountaineers losing 16-12 after going three extra innings.

The game started off much like the opener nonetheless, with the Crimson Hawks picking up three runs in the top of the first inning and Mansfield coming back a few innings later to regain the lead.

Janelle Antes started the comeback with a lead-off triple that eventually resulted in her scoring off of a wild pitch in the bottom of the first. In the bottom of the third, Megan Trutt kept things going by hitting an RBI single and scoring after an error by IUP's left fielder, Ashley

Arentz. She was followed by Sarah Cullen who hit a two RBI double into right center, giving the Mountaineers the 5-3 lead.

The Crimson Hawks bounced right back in the next inning, however, scoring three runs of their own to put IUP up by one. IUP scored a total of three more runs in the fifth and sixth innings after Mansfield scored one in the fourth off of a Yost RBI double. In the fifth, Antes hit a two RBI single into left field to bring in Katie McConville and Jamie Castellano before Jordan Rishel scored on a wild pitch to pick up three more runs and tie the game 9-9.

The hitting battle continued into the extra innings. IUP scored first, picking up three runs in the top of the eighth, but Mansfield came back in the bottom of the inning when McConville hit a three-run home run over the left field fence to tie up the game once more.

However, despite the late-game efforts, IUP would go on to win the game in the top of the tenth, picking up four runs to give them the 16-12 advantage.

"There was nothing we could have done to win the second game," Yost said. "Every time IUP would score, we would come in to bat and score just as many. When Katie hit the three-run home run to tie it up again, I figured we were destined to win, but not every game ends the way you want it to."

Baer picked up the loss after relieving Kami Bishop in the top of the third. Bishop allowed four hits and three runs over the first two innings while Baer gave up 15 hits, 13 runs and two walks throughout the final eight.

McConville led the Mountaineer offense in the nightcap going 3-6 with two runs and three RBIs. She was followed closely by Antes



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Nicole Yost hit a two-run home run over the left field fence to give the Mountaineers a 2-1 win in the opener and a shot at playoffs.

who went 3-6 with two runs and two RBIs, Trot who went 2-6 with two runs and one RBI and Cullen who went 2-4 with one run and two RBIs.

"I thought the team played great against IUP," Gallagher said. "The defense was awesome all day and we really did a good job at the plate. Winning that first game on Yost's home run was huge. In the second game we got behind early, but really fought hard. I thought Melissa Baer was phenomenal on the mound and Katie McConville's three-run homer to tie it up in the eighth was unbelievable."

The team ends their regular season with a 14-18 overall record and will go on to play Kutztown University on Friday, April 24.

## Coming up in Mountie Sports

| Thursday                                       | Friday                                                                    | Saturday                                                                   | Sunday                                            | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                            |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| April 23<br>-Softball @ PSAC Championships TBA | 24<br>-Softball @ PSAC Championships, TBA<br>-Baseball @ East Stroudsburg | 25<br>-Softball @ PSAC Championships, TBA<br>-Baseball vs East Stroudsburg | 26<br>-Baseball vs Columbia Union College, 1 p.m. | 27     | 28      | 29<br>-Baseball @ PSAC Playoffs, TBA |
| 30<br>-Baseball @ PSAC Playoffs, TBA           | May 1<br>-Baseball @ PSAC Playoffs, TBA                                   | 2<br>-Baseball @ PSAC Playoffs, TBA                                        | 3                                                 | 4      | 5       | 6                                    |